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## BIRDS ON THE EXPERIMENTAL RANGE
### A Summer Report

by Allegra E. Collister

The short-grass High Plains country of northeastern Colorado supports an interesting bird population. This is especially true of the 10,000 acres included in the Central Plains Experimental Range northeast of Nunn, lying at an approximate elevation of 5800 feet. Here the casual visitor is surprised at the sheer numbers of birds flying up ahead of the car, while the bird student is additionally impressed by the variety of species represented.

Several years ago John and Margaret Douglass visited the Range in April and reported on spring birds in the area. (COLORADO BIRD NOTES, Vol. 2, No. 9) On July 8, 1961 the Colorado Bird Club scheduled a field trip to the region with Dennis Carter as leader. The writer also devoted a few days to bird banding on the Experimental Range. The species observed during this mid-July period are regarded as summer residents, although few nests were actually found.

This location is the concentration point for federal research done on range lands that have the short-grass association as their principal cover. Native grasses include blue grama, buffalograss, western wheatgrass and needle-and-thread on the flats and uplands. On the dry meadow areas bordering water courses alkali sacaton and inland saltgrass are characteristic species. Herbaceous species include scarlet globemallow, wild alfalfa, Russian thistle, summer cypress and tansyleaf aster. Four-wing saltbush is the principal shrub and is an excellent forage species, as is common winterfat. Other shrubs mostly of low value include rubber rabbitbrush, brown snakeweed and plains prickly pear cactus. (TECHNICAL BULLETIN No. 1216, U.S.D.A., Klipple and Costello)

Average annual rainfall during the more than 20 years that records have been kept has been just under 12 inches. However, by mid-July this year the rainfall exceeded the annual average by over two inches and pastures were in correspondingly fine condition.

As usual in Colorado, the word to describe the status of nesting buteos is "scarce". The Douglass report mentions two buteos, one of them a Ferruginous Hawk. The writer failed to report one Ferruginous record on the Range (July 8, 1960). This summer's field trip produced three Swainson's Hawks and a pair of Golden Eagles with one well-feathered young bird in the nest. Robert Bement, Range Conservationist in Charge, reports that someone shot the young eagle on the week end of July 22-23 and adds, "We were very disappointed to return Monday and find him dead." Mr. Bement says that since this is government (public) land it cannot be posted, and many large hawks are killed by hunters. Other hawks sighted included a pair of Marsh Hawks and one Sparrow Hawk.

The plover family was represented on the Range by several Killdeer (fewer than in previous summers), while Mountain Plovers, typical residents of these virgin unplowed sod pastures, were observed in small numbers. At least seven adults were listed, three half-grown young, and one small baby plover probably not more than two weeks old. A pair of Long-billed Curlews was noted in flight, and small ponds from rainfall run-off yielded three Greater Yellowlegs and three Avocets.

Mourning Doves were found to be abundant in the area. Two Burrowing Owls at widely separated points probably indicated the presence of nesting pairs. The Common Nighthawk was numerous in mid-summer, using the corral fences at Headquarters as daytime perches. Both Eastern and Western Kingbirds apparently nested on the Range with the Western predominating at a ratio of four to one.

The Douglasses saw Horned Larks in April, and in July they were very common with several banded young nearly full-grown. Following his bird census studies conducted on the Experimental Range over a two-year period, Cassel (Cassel, J.F., 1952, Ph.D. Thesis. Univ. of Colo.: "BREEDING BIRD POPULATIONS AT VARIOUS ALTITUDES IN NORTH CENTRAL COLORADO") concluded that the Horned Lark was the commonest species of the grasslands. He was intrigued by its very wide altitudinal range, 6800 feet from Plains to Alpine meadows with almost no nesting at intervening altitudes.

Small numbers of Rough-winged, Barn and Cliff Swallows were present in summer. Many of the last-named species are known to nest on the buttes a few miles to the north of the Range. Several pairs of Black-billed Magpies had nested in small juniper trees near the Headquarters buildings and in the more extensive timber at Slayton's, the old stage-coach stop on Owl Creek. There were also abandoned nests in a few other trees.

Mockingbirds had not yet arrived at the time of the Douglass visit, though one Sage Thrasher was present. Four of the former were counted in July including two well-grown young (banded), while an equal number of Sage Thrashers was seen along the north boundary of the Range. One of these was caught and proved to be an immature bird.

Mention should be made here of the recording of a Sprague's Pipit on the Range on July 25, 1961, by Harold Holt and party. Since this species is known to nest in southern Wyoming it has long been felt that there was little doubt of its presence in Colorado. Field work is urgently needed to establish its status as a nesting species in this state.

A pair of Loggerhead Shrikes was carrying food to nestlings and three additional Shrikes were listed. Starlings and House Sparrows in small numbers were noted in both spring and summer around buildings and corrals. Western Meadowlarks were everywhere while Redwinged Blackbirds were present in limited numbers.

Of the many species observed on the July field trip none seemed more at home in the short-grass country than the Fringillidae. Lark Buntings, not yet present in April, in July were the most noticeable birds on the Range. During a sudden drenching downpour they confirmed their reputation for a total disregard of the elements, flying purposefully back and forth in seemingly undiminished numbers. Mr. Bement, who had just completed an hourly, 24-hour period check of soil moisture and soil temperature readings in some reseeding studies, remarked on the buntin's habit of singing continuously through the summer night. Grasshopper, Vesper and Lark Sparrows were present in small numbers, while Brewer's Sparrows were probably more abundant than the recorded 20 would indicate. An immature Brewer's, streaked on underparts like a young Chippy, was being fed by its parents.

McCown's Longspurs, already present at the time of the Douglass check, are known to nest every summer on the Experimental Range and about 35 were counted on July 8. An unexpected bonus was the presence of Chestnut-collared Longspurs near the west entrance and only a short distance from the highway. Four adults and several immature birds of this species were observed at close range. In regard to nesting sites, Dr. Cassel found that McCown's Longspurs preferred heavily-grazed pastures while Lark Buntings and Brewer's Sparrows were more numerous on lightly-grazed shrub-grassland.

A more prolonged study of the Range would probably have led to the finding of two species included in the April report, Say's Phoebe and Rock Wren. The former was noted in July, 1959 but neither bird was found this summer.

Visitors are welcome on the Experimental Range at all times and will find Mr. Bement and other personnel most helpful and courteous. Mr. Robert Engle is Range foreman and with his family resides a short distance from Headquarters. It is requested that visitors close gates and that cars stay on traveled roads and trails, and since this is a land of long distances and few people no one will wish to risk trouble on muddy side roads following heavy rains. Remember too that "this is rattlesnake country".

## WELDONA NOTES

by Howard Rollin

July 31, 1961.--The past month was dry until the last few days, when 3.1 inches of rain were recorded. The dry weather favored the birds and more young of several species continued to show up. The Lark Sparrow especially was helped; however, it was heavily parasitized by the Cowbird. Young Western Meadowlarks appeared continually, and a few Horned Larks; also, there were late nestings of the Lark Bunting. The birds have done a good job of keeping the grasshoppers down. All-in-all, this was a quiet month here for bird activity.

August 31.--August can be recorded as very wet here, as 2.03 inches of rain were recorded, and with the heavy rains of late July everything is green, unusual for so late in the summer. In spite of the rains, this has been a very good year for almost all nesting birds. Migrants are slow, except some of the sparrows.

The following notes are combined from the two reports above (J-July, A-August).

Mallard - a few at the potholes in the canyons (A). No other ducks.
Swainson's Hawk - very scarce (A).
Golden Eagle - occasional (J,A).
Marsh Hawk - the most frequent hawk (J).
Sparrow Hawk - increasing (A).
Ring-necked Pheasant - a few (A).
Killdeer - small number (A).
Solitary Sandpiper - occasional at potholes (A).
Franklin's Gull - first, 10-12 7/19; a few 7/24; rare this year and only a few seen south of here (J,A).
Mourning Dove - uncommon here this year; the bird nesting here has two squabs about one-third grown (8/31)--her third nesting this year. There were three nestings this year and two last year, all in the same nest and successful. Large flocks noted (A).
Great Horned Owl - commoner than earlier in year (A).
Common Nighthawk - common all summer until 8/30.
Hairy Woodpecker - 1 8/6.
Eastern Kingbird - present in small numbers (J,A, to 8/31).
Western Kingbird - common first part July, scarce later.
Say's Phoebe - one nesting this season, raised 5 young (J); still feeding fully-grown young 7/31.
Western Wood Pewee - first 8/22-27.
Horned Lark - common, many young (A).
Rough-winged Swallow - a few present 7/28; should be nearly all gone, as they leave here quite early in season.
Cliff Swallow - 1 8/8, the first seen this year.
Black-billed Magpie - small number (A).
Rock Wren - no young seen.
Mockingbird - pair which nested at the buildings failed completely in four tries; a few young brought up from canyons.
Brown Thrasher - brood left nest 6/30; did not re-nest (nested twice, 1960).
Sage Thrasher - first after 6/24 was seen 7/17; very common until late August.
Robin - first, 1 8/2.

Loggerhead Shrike - very common this year; one successful nesting (2 of 3 young raised).
Starling - none since June.
Wilson's Warbler - first, 1 8/31.
House Sparrow - occasional (A).
Western Meadowlark - many young, some just on wing 8/31; common.
Bullock's Oriole - 1 8/2.
Brown-headed Cowbird - many young raised, mostly by Lark Sparrows; flock of 12 7/10; only 1 or 2 seen in August.
Blue Grosbeak - after losing first brood, had three young in nest 7/31; male disappeared late July, returning as young were leaving the nest in August.
Lark Bunting - began flocking 7/7; few present J and A.
Lark Sparrow - very few 7/31 and through August; 1 8/31.
Cassin's Sparrow - most left by 7/31, after being very common; a few (A).
Chipping Sparrow - 1 8/9; few present 8/31.
Clay-colored Sparrow - 2-3 8/25.
Brewer's Sparrow - few (A).

## SUMMER SEASON, 1961

by Donald M. Thatcher

The 1961 summer season produced the usual quota of interesting occurrences and breeding dates. Outstanding were two good observations of the Sprague's Pipit, a bird strangely practically unknown previously in Colorado.

Following are listed observations of summer activities and a few belated spring reports:

Horned Grebe - 1 6/14 Longmont (late migrant?)(IB).
Eared Grebe - 40 6/30, 25 (summer plumage) 7/2 Barr Lake (Club).
Western Grebe - 1 6/11 Estes Park (LD); pair and 2 young 6/13 Longmont (AC).
Double-crested Cormorant - 8 6/3, 7/2 Barr Lake (Club).
Green Heron - 1 8/26 Bonny Reservoir (AC).
Common Egret - 1 6/3, 8/5&19, 9/9 and 4 (not certain)7/2 Barr Lake; 1 9/4 Longmont.
Snowy Egret - 3 6/3, 4 7/2 Barr Lake.
American Bittern - 1 or 2 until 8/28 Platteville (ML).
Mallard - pair with young 8/3 Platteville (ML).
Blue-winged Teal - 2 pair all summer, 10 young seen 8/10 Platteville (ML).
Redhead - 6 6/4 Jackson L., Morgan Co. (Club); 12, including young 7/21 Russell L., Saguache Co. (DC).
Red-breasted Merganser - 1 6/4 Fort Morgan (late migrant?)(Club).
Golden Eagle - pair, 1 young 7/8 Nunn (AC).
Sparrow Hawk - spring migration: first appearance (1) 3/2, pair returned to summer territory 3/11 Golden (GS); numbers: 3/19 (5 pairs) Longmont (IB), 5/7 (24) Fort Collins (J&MD); nesting: pair apparently nesting in cavity in rock outcrop 5/13 Red Rocks Park (Club).
White-tailed Ptarmigan - flock 12, in varying plumages 8/12 Mt. Evans (LD).
Lesser Prairie Chicken - 4 8/26 Bonny Reservoir (AC).
Bobwhite - pair nested at edge of lawn, 15 eggs 7/3 (13 hatched), young gone by 7/19 Platteville (ML).
Chukar - pair present all summer north of Golden (along gravel road, extension of Ford Street)(DC,LD).
Virginia Rail - adult with young 7/1 Longmont (IB).
American Coot - nest, 4 eggs, in rushes over 2½ feet water, late June, Golden (GS); young 7/20 Longmont (IB).
Killdeer - 4 young 5/11 Barr L. (HH,C&MS); young 6/14, 8/14 Longmont (IB).
Mountain Plover - 5 adults, 3 young 7/8 Nunn (Club).
Upland Plover - 3 8/5 near Barr Lake (Club).
Long-billed Curlew - 2 7/7 Nunn (AC).

Spotted Sandpiper - many 7/11&18, none at same place 8/8&9, Poudre River (Laramie Co) (L&CB)
Willet - 1 6/14, 7/26 Longmont (IB,AC).
Greater Yellowlegs - 3 7/8 Nunn (early fall migrants?)(Club).
Lesser Yellowlegs - 65 7/2 Barr Lake (early fall migrants?)(JB).
American Avocet - young 7/1 Longmont (IB).
Black-necked Stilt - 1 5/6 Boulder (late report; our only report for this spring (P&LJ).
Wilson's Phalarope - 24 6/3 Barr Lake (Club).
Northern Phalarope - 1 female 6/3 Barr Lake (late migrant)(Club).
California Gull - 5 6/4 Jackson Lake Reservoir, Morgan Co. (Club)(non-breeders?)
Ring-billed Gull - 15 6/24 Morrison (Club)(non-breeders or late migrants?)
Franklin's Gull - 100 6/30 Longmont (IB) (early fall migrants).
Forster's Tern - 6/25, 6 8/21 Longmont (IB); 4 7/2 Barr Lake (Club).
Black Tern - several reports between 6/3 and 9/16, Barr Lake and Longmont; high count, 75 at Barr Lake, 8/19 (AC,DC,LD). (Notes in spring report on last migrants, 5/21, of Forster's and Black Terns at Longmont probably in error, as these two species are summer residents.)
Band-tailed Pigeon - 10 6/20, 1 7/18,19 Indian Meadows (7000 ft. elev., Laramie Co.) (L&CB); 30 7/13 near Table Mesa (6 mi. SW of Longmont)(AC,IB); 6 8/5 Chaffee Co. (CNC); 2 8/31 Morrison (DC,LD).
Mourning Dove - flock 115 6/31 Golden (young of the season?)(DC); 2 7/29 Eldora (8700 feet)(Club); last young off nest 9/1 Platteville (ML).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - several reports: Denver, Littleton, Golden, Longmont 6/11-8/11; 2 pair in park at Platteville (ML).
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - 1 6/10 & 17, adult and 3 young 7/26 Golden (GS and others).
Roadrunner - 1 9/6 north of Pueblo (DC).
Barn Owl - 2 5/26 (IB); 1 or 2 through summer and fall to 11/30 (AC) Longmont.
Screech Owl - pair and 1 young 5/18 Mile High Lakes (LW); 5 young 6/9 Longmont (IB).
Great Horned Owl - on nest 5/19 Weldona (L&CB); 1 young 5/11 Barr Lake (HH,C&MS).
Burrowing Owl - 1 pair all summer, 6 8/17 Lett Farm, Platteville (ML).
SPOTTED OWL - 1 7/22 Red Rocks Park. First record for the Park, and probably the only record for Denver area except one taken at Lakewood in January 1959. *
Poor-will - approx. 4 heard calling along Hogback, north of Golden, most of June (GS).
Chimney Swift - 4 6/2 Boulder (IB,AC)(other reports at Boulder).
Black Swift - 6 6/20 Bear Lake, Rocky Mtn. Nat. Park (IB); 25 7/24 Telluride (DC); 6 8/27 Mt. Powell (13,500 ft.) Gore Range (HK).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 3 occupied nests, one unfinished 6/27 Castlewood, Douglas Co. (RJN); est. 25 at feeder 7/29 Eldora (GS, Club); several hovering low over water, feeding on gnats 8/8,9 Indian Meadows (L&CB).
Red-headed Woodpecker - several reports June-August: Morrison, Denver, Barr L., Golden, Longmont, Canon City; 10 8/14 Longmont (IB); 2 pair each with one young 8/8,10 Platteville (ML); 2 imm. 8/23,24 Denver (L&CB).
Lewis' Woodpecker - numerous all summer, 7 7/27 Golden (DC,LD,PP).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - pair feeding young in nest, insects caught on wing over stream 7/29 Eldora (Club).
Downy Woodpecker - young 6/9 Longmont (IB).
Western Kingbird - 3 young 7/20 Longmont (IB).
Cassin's Kingbird - 1 7/2 Barr L (Club); also 6 Eastern, 10 Western Kingbirds.
Eastern Phoebe - 1 6/19 Longmont (AC)(west of breeding range).
Traill's Flycatcher - 1 7/1 near Georgetown (DC,LD); 1 7/29 Eldora (Club).
Hammond's Flycatcher - 1-3 at timberline, Goliath Peak, above Echo Lake, 7/2-15 (DT); 2 banded 8/24 Longmont (AC).
Violet-green Swallow - many 7/11&19, only 1 8/8&9 Indian Meadows (Poudre River)(L&CB)
Barn Swallow - young on wing 8/28 Platteville (ML).
Cliff Swallow - feeding young in nests 6/17 Golden (GS); flock 150 7/11,12 Indian Meadows (L&CB).
Gray Jay - 4 8/9, low at 8000 feet Deer Park, near Bailey (DT).

* (L. Dieckman, R.C.)

Blue Jay - first appearance at feeder 3/25, took suet as if to nest or incubating mate 5/12 Englewood (JN); April-May at SE Denver and Cherry Creek Dam (TM); 1 5/25 NW Denver; pair started nesting about 6/6 in elm 30 feet above street (first reported nest in Denver since 1950, also NW Denver), young left nest in early July (DT).
Common Raven - flock 16 8/20 Mt. Evans (DC,LD).
Clark's Nutcracker - 1, low at 8500 feet 8/20 Beaver Brook, Jefferson Co.(DC,LD).
Black-capped Chickadee - pair, 3 young 9/4 Platteville (ML).
Dipper - pair nesting at edge foothills 4/16 Van Bibber Creek (north of Golden), 1 or 2 young left nest 6/17 (GS).
House Wren - 1 7/4 with black V across upper breast, near Aspen (P&JW); pair with 5-6 newly-fledged young 7/11,12 Indian Meadows (L&CB).
Mockingbird - 1 6/28,29 NW Denver (MK,LK). (unusual in city).
Brown Thrasher - 1 7/17 Denver (L&CB).
Sage Thrasher - 7 (apparently family) 7/26 Golden (G&MS).
Robin - one pair (of 4) with white tips outer tail feathers (Eastern subspecies) through summer, Platteville (ML).
Veery - 1 singing late June Castlewood Dam; 3-hour search 6/27 for nest, in poison ivy, unsuccessful (4 Broad-tailed Hummingbird and 4 Mourning Dove nests found during search (JM,RJN,DT).
Townsend'sSolitaire - pair at nest 7/11 Indian Meadows (L&CB); 1 8/27 Gore Range at 13,000 feet (HK).
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT - 1 7/25 Nunn Experimental Range - seen well (RC,HH,PP); 1 8/8 four miles from 7/25 observation (HH,C&MS). There are only one or two previous sight records for Colorado, and no specimens, although it has occurred at Laramie, Wyo., and very probably migrates through northeastern Colorado regularly.
Cedar Waxwing - 2 6/24 Morrison (Club).
Warbling Vireo - 2 at nest 6/24 (Club).
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 7/24 Stoner, Montezuma Co. (DC); 2 7/29 Eldora (Club) (residents or early fall migrants? This species is believed to breed in the Colo. mountains, but very little is known definitely of its status here.).
Yellow Warbler - pair raised 3 young at farm, gone by 8/8 Platteville (ML).
American Redstart - singing 6/24,7/15 near Lyons (HK).
House Sparrow - pair, 3 or more young in nest in building 6/11 Empire (elev. 8600 ft) (LD,DC).
Redwinged Blackbird - left nesting area by 8/15 Platteville (ML).
Orchard Oriole - 3 6/4 Fort Morgan (Club).
Bullock's Oriole - young on wing 7/28 Platteville (ML).
Brewer's Blackbird - 5 eggs in nest 6/17 Golden (GS); flock 100 7/20 Longmont (IB).
Brown-headed Cowbird - eating millet at feeder 5/23-30 Longmont (IB); 1 egg in Lazuli Bunting nest, late June, Golden (GS); egg in House Finch nest, Platteville (ML); 1 young being fed by pair Yellow Warblers 8/5 Denver (L&CB).
Blue Grosbeak - male 6/11 Longmont (IB); female 6/17 Golden (GS); 2 males, 1 female, nest with 3 young 8/1 NE of Golden (DC,LD).
Indigo Bunting - 1 6/17 Golden (GS); 1 male (apparently nesting) Red Rocks 7/9 (Club)
Lazuli Bunting - hybrid with Indigo: 6/30 Golden (DC,LD); hybrid at feeder (other than one listed earlier in spring report) 5/25-27 and another east of town 7/20, Longmont (IB).
Dickcissal - 6 6/4 Goodrich (Morgan Co.) Club; 1 or 2 6/27 Franktown (DT); pair 6/30 Longmont (IB).
Evening Grosbeak - many 7/1-9 Stavonia, elev. 8350 (Routt Co.)(HK); flock of 28 7/24 Dolores (Montezuma Co.)(DC).
House Finch - 5 pairs at farm, of which 4 produced young, Platteville (ML); 1 7/1 Idaho Springs (DC,LD).
Pine Siskin - feeding young in nest 8/20, Upper Slate Lakes, Gore Range (HK).
Lesser Goldfinch - 10, including 2 with green back of western (hesperophilas) race, 6/24 Morrison (Club); 1 7/1 Genesee Mountain Park, (DC,LD).
Grasshopper Sparrow - 4 singing males, presumed breeding 6/28 and later, north of Golden (DC,LD,GS); 10 7/8 Nunn (Club); pair 7/24 Berthoud (IB); 6 7/28 south of Colorado Springs (DC,LD,PP).

Lark Sparrow - nest, 4 eggs 6/17 Golden (GS).
Cassin's Sparrow - 3 6/4 Weldona (Club).
Gray-headed Junco - nest at timberline, Goliath Peak, above Echo Lake: eggs 7/2, young 7/11,15 (DT).
Chipping Sparrow - 2 or 3 singing, apparently paired and breeding at timberline, well above usual range, Goliath Peak, 7/2-15 (DT).
Brewer's Sparrow - 1 6/17 Golden (GS); 1 or 2 6/27, in mountain mahogany, near Daniels Park (Douglas Co.)(RJN,DT).
Fox Sparrow - 1 7/29 Eldora (Club); 2 immatures banded 7/30 Gore Range (Summit Co.) (PF,GS); 4 8/15 Brainard Lake (AC).
Chestnut-collared Longspur - 3(incl 1-2 young) 7/8 Nunn (Club).
McCown's Longspur - 30 7/8 Nunn (Club).

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A 21-page STATUS AND MIGRATION DATA OF BIRDS OF THE DENVER AREA has been compiled by Harold Holt. It is being distributed to Bird Club members at meetings and trips. Those unable to obtain their copies that way will be mailed a copy upon receipt of 10 cents, the cost of mailing.

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We have received from Howard Rollin a gift of another of his beautiful paintings, of the Gyrfalcon. Many Thanks!

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Any reports of BALD EAGLES should be sent to Ferd Kleinschnitz, c/o Colorado Game and Fish Dept., 1530 Sherman St., Denver, for use in a nation-wide midwinter survey of that species. All observations are desired, but especially those made during the first 15 days of January.

JANUARY MEETING -- Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1962, 8:00 PM, at Bird Room, Museum of Natural History. (Use north door, through basement.)

There will be a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service movie, "Behind the Flyways".

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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

Sat. 3 7:30 AM Alameda & Acoma. Waterton area. Ferd Kleinschnitz, leader. Bring lunch.

Sun. 7 8:00 AM Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW corner). Cherry Creek Dam and vicinity. Harold Holt, leader. Bring lunch.

Sat. 10 8:00 AM Museum of Natural History parking lot. Barr Lake area. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

Sun. 11 7:00 AM Colfax & Sheridan. Red Rocks and Genesee Mountain Parks. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.

Sat. 17 10:00 AM Colfax & Sheridan. Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.

Sun. 18 9:00 AM 4845 Redwood Drive, Bow Mar. Bowles and Marston Lakes. Edwin McKee, leader. ½-day.

Sat. 24 7:30 AM Museum parking lot. Cherry Creek Dam area. Thompson Marsh, leader. ½-day.

Sun. 25 7:30 AM Museum parking lot. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mrs. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

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Your Christmas Count reports are desired for inclusion in Colorado Bird Notes. If they have not already been sent in, send to Donald Thatcher, 2916 Perry St., Denver 12.

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## COLORADO CHRISTMAS COUNT SUMMARY, 1961

by Harold Holt

Ten 1961 Christmas Counts taken in Colorado have been submitted to us, all made between December 23 and 30. In all, 118 species were recorded, a good number as lakes and ponds were 99% frozen; ducks were few in number, but practically all the usual species were found.

Denver's count led in number of species with 78. Longmont was second with 72 and Colorado Springs third with 63 (all three had 74 in 1960). Only five species were recorded on all ten counts: Hairy Woodpecker, Black-billed Magpie, Black-capped and Mountain Chickadees, and Oregon Junco. All areas except Durango reported one or more species not found in any other area (especially unusual species names capitalized): Merino- Long-billed Marsh Wren; Weldona- Rusty Blackbird, CARDINAL, CHIPPING SPARROW, Lapland Longspur; Fort Collins- Bufflehead, Scaled Quail, California Quail, CHUKAR; Longmont- Short-eared Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, BROWN THRASHER, Water Pipit, Lesser Goldfinch; Boulder- Canvasback; Denver- Pied-billed Grebe, Hooded Merganser, BEWICK'S WREN, COMMON REDPOLL, WHITE-THROATED SPARROW; Colorado Springs- Goshawk, Common Bushtit, LINCOLN'S SPARROW; Rocky Mtn. Natl. Park- BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, White-tailed Ptarmigan; Idaho Springs- Black and Brown-capped Rosy Finches. Other unusual records include: Bobwhite (Merino and Weldona), Barn Owl (Longmont and Boulder), 13 Lewis' Woodpecker (Longmont), large numbers of Steller's Jay (Denver and Colorado Springs), large numbers of Common Crow (Longmont), 5 Clark's Nutcracker (Denver), Mountain Bluebird (Denver and Colorado Springs), 19 Golden-crowned Kinglet (Colorado Springs), large numbers of Bohemian Waxwing in most areas, Loggerhead Shrike (Longmont), Audubon's Warbler (Durango and Longmont), very large number of Cassin's Finch (Idaho Springs), Brown Towhee (Denver). Longmont had the highest counts for 21 species, plus 6 ties with other areas. Denver had 18 highs, with 4 ties; Colorado Springs had 17 high counts, 6 ties; Weldona had 14 highest counts, 2 ties; Idaho Springs 11 and 1 tie; Fort Collins 8 and 2 ties; Rocky Mtn. Park 6 highs; Durango 4, 2 ties; Boulder 3, 7 ties; Merino 3 highs.

The Colorado Christmas Counts reported to us during the last 12 years have included a total of 167species. Denver (previously reported as Jefferson County) leads with 132 species (12 years), followed by Colorado Springs with 120 (10 years), Boulder with 116 (9), Longmont with 105 (10), Fort Collins with 94(8), Durango with 73 (9), Weldona-Fort Morgan with 66 (3), Idaho Springs with 53 (11), and Rocky Mountain Natl. Park with 51 (7). Only one new species, the Cardinal, was added to the total this year, although several areas added one to five species to their local lists.

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The Rocky Mountain News of January 20 contained the following tidbit: "Book Editor Bob Perkin, the office bird watcher, says the cold can't last. His keen eye picked out a lark bunting, several species of wrens, orioles and some flickers frolicking in the snows of his back yard. And Bob hurried to remind that tossing crumbs and suet out in the yard can help keep them alive until the worms get up in springtime. There is one coming, they say."

Bob should make a valuable trip leader for the Club, and certainly the Count area should be moved over a bit to include his back yard. Where else can we find Lark Bunting, orioles and all those wrens?

| Species | M | Wel | FC | Lmt | B | D | CS | RM | IS | Dur |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pied-billed Grebe | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Canada Goose | | 39 | 564 | | | 725 | | | | |
| Mallard | 50000 | 79 | 5206 | 27875 | 8013 | 300 | 94 | 6 | | 1 |
| Gadwall | | | 20 | | | 6 | | | | |
| Pintail | | | | 1 | 3 | 8 | | | | |
| Green-winged Teal | | | 10 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 5 | | | |
| American Widgeon | 6 | | 38 | | 38 | 15 | | | | |
| Shoveler | | | 11 | 6 | | 9 | | | | |
| Redhead | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | | | | | 8 | 20 | | | | |
| Canvasback | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Lesser Scaup | | | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Common Goldeneye | | | 10 | | 1 | 12 | 2 | 63 | | 32 |
| Barrow's Goldeneye | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Bufflehead | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Hooded Merganser | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Common Merganser | | 2 | | 8 | | 5 | | 9 | | 15 |
| Goshawk | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Cooper's Hawk | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 1 | | 2 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 3 | 9 | 12 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Ferruginous Hawk | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Golden Eagle | | 1 | 4 | | | 2 | 7 | | 3 | |
| Bald Eagle | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | 4 |
| Marsh Hawk | 6 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 12 | | | |
| Prairie Falcon | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Pigeon Hawk | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Sparrow Hawk | 1 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 7 | 14 | | | 1 |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| Bobwhite | 3 | 39 | | | | | | | | |
| Scaled Quail | | | 10 | | | | | | | |
| California Quail | | | 19 | | | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 6 | 46 | 57 | 182 | 1 | 58 | | | | 8 |
| Chukar | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| American Coot | | | | 9 | | 20 | | 1 | | |
| Killdeer | 11 | 9 | 5 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 15 | | | |
| Common Snipe | 12 | 56 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 14 | | | |
| Herring Gull | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | 16 | 3 | | 7 | | 3 | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | | 22 | 9 | 16 | | | | | | |
| Barn Owl | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Screech Owl | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | 1 | 3 | | 5 | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Long-eared Owl | | 2 | | 15 | 10 | | | | | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | | | | 4 |
| Red-shafted Flicker | 11 | 25 | 35 | 140 | 14 | 42 | 35 | | 2 | 15 |
| Lewis' Woodpecker | | | 2 | 13 | | | | | | 3 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 10 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 11 | | 2 | 3 |
| Horned Lark | 4 | 4179 | 52 | 90 | 33 | 28 | 35 | | | 53 |

| Species | M | Wel | FC | Lmt | B | D | CS | RM | IS | Dur |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gray Jay | | | | | | | | 6 | 13 | |
| Blue Jay | 2 | 11 | 5 | 11 | | | | | | |
| Steller's Jay | | | 2 | 100 | 10 | 196 | 251 | 32 | 115 | 4 |
| Scrub Jay | | | | 1 | | 23 | 48 | | | 61 |
| Black-billed Magpie | 30 | 72 | 76 | 305 | 353 | 408 | 368 | 21 | 32 | 84 |
| Common Raven | | | | | 2 | | 3 | 11 | 6 | |
| Common Crow | 50 | 4 | | 1167 | 9 | 98 | 160 | | 60 | 26 |
| Pinon Jay | | | | 1 | | | 22 | | | |
| Clark's Nutcracker | | | | | | 5 | | 22 | 65 | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 18 | 27 | 14 | 63 | 22 | 60 | 29 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Mountain Chickadee | 1 | 2 | 26 | 16 | 3 | 32 | 166 | 21 | 95 | 1 |
| Common Bushtit | | | | | | | 37 | | | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 2 | | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 3 | 6 | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 5 | |
| Pigmy Nuthatch | | | | | 9 | 27 | 65 | 22 | 48 | |
| Brown Creeper | 2 | | | 9 | 3 | 9 | 13 | | 1 | |
| Dipper | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Bewick's Wren L-B Marsh Wren | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Canon Wren | | | 1 | | | 3 | | | | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Robin | | 28 | 12 | 28 | 5 | 134 | 29 | 13 | 61 | 66 |
| Mountain Bluebird | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Townsend's Solitaire | | 2 | 4 | 24 | 5 | 45 | 20 | 10 | 62 | 13 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | 1 | 19 | | 1 | |
| Water Pipit | | | | 14 | | | | | | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | | 1 | 65 | 196 | 59 | 30 | 177 | | 1869 | |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 20 | 1 | |
| Northern Shrike | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Loggerhead Shrike | | | | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Starling | 35 | 250 | 220 | 1265 | 148 | 184 | 242 | | 10 | 159 |
| Audubon's Warbler | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| House Sparrow | 130 | 461 | 219 | 445 | 59 | 131 | 304 | | 38 | 193 |
| Western Meadowlark | 9 | 272 | 31 | 930 | 12 | 52 | 25 | | | 12 |
| Redwinged Blackbird | 250 | 2785 | 25 | 3370 | 28 | 240 | 5 | | | 30 |
| Rusty Blackbird | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | | 7 | 2 | 82 | | 12 | 1 | | | |
| Cardinal | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak | | 7 | 47 | 135 | 34 | 49 | 103 | | 28 | 95 |
| Cassin's Finch | | | 25 | 42 | 12 | 36 | 113 | 3 | 492 | 1 |
| House Finch | 8 | 122 | 19 | 70 | 43 | 97 | 207 | | | |
| Pine Grosbeak | | | | | | 4 | | | 42 | |
| Gray-crowned Rosy Finch | | | | | | 76 | | | 100 | |
| Black Rosy Finch | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| Brown-capped Rosy Finch | | | | | | | | | 9 | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Pine Siskin | 2 | 172 | 79 | 2 | | 85 | 31 | | | 8 |
| American Goldfinch | 8 | 35 | | 3 | 2 | 21 | 3 | | | 40 |
| Lesser Goldfinch | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Red Crossbill | | | | | | | | 5 | 42 | |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | | | | | | 7 | 15 | | | 6 |
| Brown Towhee | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| White-winged Junco | 2 | 5 | | 4 | | 25 | 24 | 2 | 16 | |
| Slate-colored Junco | 12 | 16 | | 27 | 8 | 18 | 96 | 16 | 16 | |
| Oregon Junco | 15 | 224 | 153 | 645 | 24 | 287 | 1361 | 7 | 93 | 365 |
| Gray-headed Junco | | | 7 | 20 | 6 | 39 | 266 | | 7 | 80 |

| Species | M | Wel | FC | Lmt | B | D | CS | RM | IS | Dur |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tree Sparrow | 300 | 437 | 114 | 285 | 22 | 173 | 93 | 1 | | 1 |
| Chipping Sparrow | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Harris' Sparrow | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | 99 | 161 | 39 | 1 | 20 | 16 | | | 1 |
| White-throated Sparrow | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Song Sparrow | 13 | 43 | 16 | 26 | | 48 | 36 | | | 12 |
| Lapland Longspur | | 28 | | | | | | | | |
| Total species | 39 | 53 | 53 | 72 | 53 | 78 | 63 | 30 | 37 | 39 |
| Observers | 2 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 5 | 22 | 27 | 7 | 17 | 6 |
| Parties | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 3 | 8 | | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Party hours | 10 | 25 | 24 | 49 | 21 | 67 | | 15 | 38 | 9 |
| Date | 12/24 | 12/26 | 12/30 | 12/27 | 12/21 | 12/23 | 12/30 | 12/23 | 12/30 | 12/24 |

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Durango (Dur): Nancy Frizell, Paul Frizell, Sandra Frizell, Thomas J. Frizell, Alberta Oliver, Oppie Roames.

MARCH 1962 FIELD TRIPS

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| Sat. 3 | 7:45 AM | Alameda & Acoma. Waterton area. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch. |
| Sun. 4 | 8:00 AM | Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW corner). Cherry Creek and Castlewood Dam areas. Harold Holt, leader. Bring lunch. |
| Sat. 10 | 8:00 AM | Museum of Natural History parking lot. Barr Lake area. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch. |
| Sun. 11 | 7:00 AM | Colfax & Sheridan. Red Rocks and Genesee Mountain Parks. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day. |
| Sat. 17 | 10:00 AM | Colfax & Sheridan. Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch. |
| Sun. 18 | 7:00 AM | Museum parking lot. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day. |
| Sat. 24 | 8:00 AM | Colfax & Sheridan. Golden area. George Shier, leader. Bring lunch |
| Sun. 25 | 7:30 AM | Museum parking lot. Sedalia area. Ted & Ruth Dement, leaders. Bring lunch. |
| Sat. 31 | 7:00 AM | Museum parking lot. Fort Collins area. Thompson Marsh, leader. Bring lunch. |

Suggested charge for riding with others: four cents per mile, plus tolls, divided by number of riders, including the driver. (No one pays over 2¢ per mile.)

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INFORMATION ON BUFFLEHEAD REQUESTED -- We have a request from Mr. A.J. Erskine, Wildlife Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service, for information to be used in his study of the Bufflehead. All data on numbers and sex, with dates and places, are desired, especially for this spring's migration, as well as any other information such as nesting records and reports of wintering birds and summer stragglers. Such information will be forwarded by us, or it can be sent directly to Mr. Erskine at P.O. Box 180, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

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The proposed telephone-recording bird information project, which was discussed at the February meeting, has been abandoned, as it was found that the cost, much more than was originally understood, would be prohibitive.

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These five pages of the Notes are being sent out ahead of the rest in order to get the trip schedule to you. The fall migration part, now being typed, will follow in a few days.

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## FALL MIGRATION, 1962

by Donald M. Thatcher

The 1961 fall migration differed from that of the previous year in being generally considerably earlier. The first cold storm occurred the weekend of September 3-4, six weeks earlier than that of 1960, and the main migration of several species followed soon after that time, although extreme dates differed but little from the average.

Following are data on most fall migrant species. They are arranged in three categories: summer residents, transients from the north or the nearby mountains, and winter residents from the north or the mountains. Many of the first two categories will occur also as stragglers in the winter and are or will be included in the Christmas count (this issue) or in the Winter Season report (next issue). These include such species as the Burrowing Owl, Sandhill Crane, Sage Thrasher, Water Pipit and several others. For most species dates are given for the first fall occurrence(F) for transients and winter residents, last fall occurrence (L) for summer residents and transients and highest counts or migration peaks (H) for transients. A few mountain occurrences are included for montane species in other than their usual life zones or habitats. Exceptionally unusual species are capitalized.

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SUMMER RESIDENT SPECIES:

Eared Grebe - L 2 11/17 Bow Mar (Club)
Western Grebe - F 4 8/26 Morrison (Club); H 40 9/26 (IB) and 57 11/5 (AC) Longmont; L 1 11/7 (AC) Longmont.
Pied-billed Grebe - 32 8/31 Morrison (DC, LD); L 10 11/18 Morrison (Club).
Double-crested Cormorant - L 4 10/14 Barr Lake (Club).
Common Egret - L 1 9/9 Longmont (IB), 1 9/9 Barr Lake (Club).
Snowy Egret - L 5 9/26 Kersey (ML).
Black-crowned Night Heron - L 1 10/8 Cherry Creek Dam (TM).
American Bittern - L 1 10/21 Longmont (LBC).
Blue-winged Teal - L 7 10/8 Cherry Creek Dam (TM).
Ruddy Duck - 120 8/19 Barr Lake (AC, DC, LD); L 11/19, 1 Wellington (J and MD) and 2 Bow Mar (Club).
Turkey Vulture - L 2 9/25 Aurora (MLR).
Swainson's Hawk - 100 plus, including many dark phase 9/23 in plains 60 miles west of Idalia (SB, LW), L 1 10/20 Weldona (HR).
Virginia Rail - L 1 10/15 Littleton (P and JW).
Sora - L 1 10/7 Golden (Club - G Shier).
Long-billed Curlew - L 1 9/9 Barr Lake (Club).
Spotted Sandpiper - L 1 9/9 Longmont (IB).
Willet - L 4 10/24 Longmont (AC). Few this fall.
American Avocet - H 104 9/1 Barr Lake (DC, LD); L 6 11/6 Platteville (ML), 1 11/14 Longmont (AC).

Black-necked Stilt - 1 8/19 (AC, DC, LD), L 1 8/25 (MLR, LW) Barr Lake.
Wilson's Phalarope - L 9/9 Longmont (IB) and 100 Barr Lake (PA).
California Gull - L 9/17 Longmont (IB).
Forster's Tern - L 1 9/12 Longmont (AC).
Black Tern - L 10 9/10 Platteville (ML), 3 9/16 Longmont (IB).
Band-tailed Pigeon - L 60 9/30 Sedalia (Club).
Mourning Dove - L 1 11/23 Platteville (ML), 2 12/2 Longmont (N.Simms thru AC).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - last heard 8/11 Denver (L and CB).
Barn Owl - L 11/30 Longmont (AC).
Burrowing Owl - L 2 11/1 Platteville (ML).
Common Nighthawk - Flock 15 8/3 Longmont (IB); L 11/5 Boulder (P and LJ).
Poorwill - L 9/16 where present all summer, Golden (GS); L, 1 east Denver (TM), 1 west Denver (L and CB) 10/9.
White-throated Swift - L, 2 or 3 heard calling in rain 9/29 Red Rocks Park (DT).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - L 9/10 Longmont (IB).
Red-headed Woodpecker - L 1 11/14 Longmont (AC).
Lewis' Woodpecker - 25-50 9/30 Sedalia (Club); L 1 11/3 Denver (HH).
Eastern Kingbird - L 9/16 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).
Western Kingbird - L 9/23 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).
Cassin's Kingbird - L 1 9/17 Platteville (ML).
Unidentified ASH-THROATED or OLIVACEOUS FLYCATCHER - 9/8 west Denver. "About size of Pewee, but lighter in color, the grayish-brown back shading into a reddish-brown tail. Head and beak large in proportion to body. Underparts pale yellow, throat whitish. Two buffy wing bars. Kept low, on clothesline, fence and low shrubs, and frequently flew to ground to pick up insects. No call heard." (Size indicates Olivaceous, which has not been previously reported for Denver area. Ash-throated is occasional here, but rare.)
Says' Phoebe - L 10/5 Golden (G. Shier).
Western Wood Pewee - 18 9/3 on ground at filtration plant during snowstorm, Golden (DC, LD); L 1 9/15 Platteville (ML).
Violet-green Swallow - L 9/6 Golden (G.Shier).
Bank Swallow - L 10 9/5 Platteville (ML).
Barn Swallow - L 2 9/30 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).
Cliff Swallow - L 9/4 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).
House Wren - L 1 10/7 Golden (G. Shier).
Rock Wren - L 1 10/29 Lookout Mtn, Golden (LD).
Catbird - L 1 11/1 Platteville (ML).
Brown Thrasher - 1 11/2 Denver (MC); L 1 11/5 Moraine Park, Rocky Mtn. National Park (J and MD).
Sage Thrasher - L 2 10/16 Longmont (AC) (See Weldona Notes).
Hermit Thrush - 2 each 9/3 at Idaho Springs and Georgetown in migration (RG, NS); L 1 10/30 Denver (TM).
Veery - L 1 9/25 Holyoke (ML).
Western Bluebird - 1 11/4, with Mountain Bluebird, Boulder (P and LJ). (Fall reports of this species in plains very few.)
Mountain Bluebird - 150 9/29 Longmont (IB); general last date 10/14 or 15; L 2 11/5 Golden (G. Shier); many fewer than 1960.
Loggerhead Shrike - L 9/11 Golden (G. Shier), 9/27 Weldona (HR).
Solitary Vireo - L 1 10/1 Lyons (Transition zone) (HK).
Red-eyed Vireo - L 1 9/11 Longmont (AC).
Warbling Vireo - L 9/15 Golden (G. Shier).
Virginia's Warbler - L 1 9/27 Longmont (AC).
Yellow Warbler - L 1 9/6 Platteville (ML).
MacGillivray's Warbler - F migrant 1 8/8 Platteville (ML); L 1 9/18 Longmont (AC), 9/26 Weldona (HR).
Yellowthroat - L 1 9/25 Lyons (AC).

Yellow-breasted Chat - L 1 9/29 Longmont (AC).
American Redstart - L 1 8/31 Golden (LD).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - L 2 10/3 Platteville (ML).
Bullock's Oriole - L 9/5 Golden (G. Shier).
Brewer's Blackbird - L 1 11/7 Platteville (ML).
Common Grackle - L 9/25, 3 Longmont (IB), 20 Holyoke (ML).
Brown-headed Cowbird - L 30 8/25 Denver (L and CB), 4 8/26 Morrison to Sedalia(Club).
Western Tanager - L 2 9/29 Morrison (DT), 1 9/30 Sedalia (Club).
SCARLET TANAGER - 2 9/5 (identified by absence of wing bars) Golden (DC, G.Shier).
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - 1 10/3 Longmont (IB).
Black-headed Grosbeak - L 1 9/30 Sedalia (Club).
Blue Grosbeak - L 2 males, 1 female 8/12 Golden (DC, LD).
Indigo Bunting - L 1 8/12 Golden (DC, LD).
Lazuli Bunting - 1 9/23 Bonny Dam (SB, LW); L 1 10/3 Longmont (AC).
Dickcissel - L 1 9/7 Longmont (AC).
Lesser Goldfinch - L 10/8 Golden (LD).
Green-tailed Towhee - L 1 10/16 Golden (G. Shier).
Lark Bunting - large numbers (160-265) 8/5-19 Barr Lake vicinity; L 1 9/24 75 miles east of Denver (SB, LW).
Savannah Sparrow - L 1 9/28 Platteville (ML).
Baird's Sparrow - L 1 10/8 Cherry Creek Dam (TM).
Vesper Sparrow - numerous 9/16-25; L 10/19 Golden (G.Shier).
Lark Sparrow - L 9/23 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).
Sage Sparrow - 1 9/30 Masonville, Laramie Co. (foothills) (TM).
Chipping Sparrow - banded 248 this fall, 726 in 1960, Longmont (AC); L 1 11/8 Longmont (AC).
Lincoln's Sparrow - L 10/30 Longmont (AC).
McCown's Longspur - 75 10/17 Ault (ML); See Weldona Notes.

TRANSIENT SPECIES:

Common Loon - F 1 11/2 Longmont, 11/5 at Arvada, Berthoud, Boulder; L 11/26 Cherry Creek Dam, Arapahoe Co. (Club).
Horned Grebe - F 3 8/26, H 18 9/26 Longmont (IB); L 1 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (NH).
White Pelican - F 1 9/1 Longmont (IB); H and L 8 10/20 Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (RH).
Whistling Swan - F 5 11/4 Meade, Weld Co. (RR); also 3 11/5 near Hudson, 1 11/5-11 near Longmont (shot by hunter), 2 11/11-25 or later (one shot) Cherry Creek Dam, 1 11/19 Bow Mar, and 7 approx. 11/27 to 12/3 Rocky Mountain Arsenal (1 shot) (Cherry Creek and Arsenal shooters were arrested); L 12/3 Arsenal (DT).
Canada Loon - 28 10/8 Lodore Canyon and Brown's Park, Moffat Co. (GG).
White-fronted Goose - 1 10/8 Brown's Park, Moffat Co. (GG); 1 imm. 11/11 Cherry Creek Dam (TM, NH, AR).
Snow Goose - F and H 18 10/20 Prewitt Reservoir (RH); L 1 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (NH).
BLUE GOOSE - 1 10/20 photographed Prewitt Resv. (RH).
Canvasback - F 40 10/15 Denver (HH); L 6 11/12 Boulder (P and LJ).
Bufflehead - F 2 10/21 Morrison (Club), 10 10/21 Longmont (AC); L 3 12/2 Jefferson Co. (DT).
Red-breasted Merganser - F 2 10/29 Westminster (HH); L 30 11/19 Bow Mar (Club).
Red-tailed Hawk (B.b. kriderí) - 1 10/7 Longmont (AC).
Harlan's Hawk - 1 9/28 Platteville (ML).
Broad-winged Hawk - 1 11/1 Golden (G. Shier).
Osprey - 2 9/30 Berthoud (RG).
Peregrine Falcon - F 1 8/5 Barr Lake (Club), L 1 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (NH).
Sparrow Hawk - migration 9/5 (16) Platteville (ML) to 9/29 (15) Longmont (IB). Few this season.

Sandhill Crane - F and H 3000 9/22 Longmont (ML); 9/24, 100 near Bennett and Strasburg (Adams-Arapahoe Counties) (SB,LW), 200 Holyoke (ML), also see Weldona notes; 9 10/20 Prewitt Resv., Washington Co. (RH); 40 11/4 Longmont (IB); L 18 11/22 Longmont (IB). Main migration unusually early (Sept. 22-30), probably due to early cold spell of first week of September. Height of migration the past few years has been between Oct. 3 and 15.

Semipalmated Plover - F 1 8/11, L 3 10/7 Longmont (IB, AC).

PIPING PLOVER - 2 8/31 Longmont (AC).

American Golden Plover - 1 10/7 Longmont (AC).

Black-bellied Plover - F and H 8 9/26 (IB), L 3 12/9 (ML) Longmont.

Solitary Sandpiper - F 8/12 Boulder (P and LJ); H 4 8/19 Barr Lake (AC, DC, LD); L 9/23 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).

Greater Yellowlegs - F 3 7/8 Nunn (Club); H 20 10/4 and L 1 11/5 Platteville (ML).

Lesser Yellowlegs - F 65 7/2 Barr Lake (Club); H 338 8/19, 307 9/1 Barr Lake (DC, LD); L 1 10/28 Longmont (AC).

Pectoral Sandpiper - F 2 8/11, H 10 9/5 and 9/9, L 2 11/17 Longmont (IB, AC).

White-rumped Sandpiper - 1 10/21 Morrison (Club).

Baird's Sandpiper - F 6 7/31 Longmont (AC); H 42-46 8/5-19 Barr Lake (Club, DC, LD, and others); L 15 10/7 Longmont (AC).

Least Sandpiper - F 2 8/1 Longmont (AC); L 2 10/14 Barr Lake (Club).

Long-billed Dowitcher - F 20 8/5, H 24 10/14 Barr Lake (Club); L 2 10/28 Longmont (AC).

STILT Sandpiper - F 8/1 Longmont (AC); L and H 28 8/19 Barr Lake (AC, DC, LD).

Semipalmated Sandpiper - F 1 8/1 Longmont (AC), L 1 10/21 Morrison (Club).

Western Sandpiper - F and H 34 8/19 Barr Lake (AC, DC, LD); L 4 10/17 Longmont (AC).

Marbled Godwit - F 2 8/11 Longmont (AC); H and L 4 9/5 LaSalle (ML).

Sanderling - F and H 10 9/23 Bonny Dam (SB, LW); L 7 9/29 Longmont (IB).

Northern Phalarope - F 1 8/19 Barr Lake (AC, DC, LD); H 75 9/28 Longmont (IB); L 1 10/14 Barr Lake (Club).

Jaeger (Parasitic ?) - 1 9/14 flying south along Hogback. (Identified as jaeger by falcon-like appearance and long central tail feathers.) Golden (G.Shier).

Franklin's Gull - 4 7/2 probably stragglers Barr Lake (Club); first migrants 3500 8/5 Barr Lake (Club); "Thousands" 9/30 following plow near Bow Mar (Club), 5000 10/14 Barr Lake (Club); L 4 10/28 Barr Lake (Club).

Bonaparte's Gull - 1 9/9 Barr Lake (Club); L and H 3 11/4 Longmont (Club).

COMMON TERN - 1 7/31 carefully studied, Longmont (AC).

Rufous Hummingbird - 2 males, 1 imm. 7/16 Golden Gate Canyon, Gilpin Co. (P and JW); first on plains 1 male 7/22 Denver (DT); H 6 7/23 Mesa Verde (DC); L 2 males 7/29 Eldora (Club).

Yello-bellied Sapsucker - 1 9/26 Longmont (AC).

Olive-sided Flycatcher - 0 (plains) F 1 9/4 Lyons (AC, DC); L 9/10 Golden (G.Shier).

Pinon Jay - Unusually frequent, Denver and vicinity; F 60 9/4, H 100 9/12, L 10/20, along Hogback, Golden (G. Shier); other reports 9/7-30, Barr and Mile High lakes, Bow Mar, Aurora, Sedalia.

Common Bushtit - 6 9/4 (DC), 15 11/6 (AC) Lyons.

Pigmy Nuthatch - 1 at timberline 8/20 (HK); 2 8/16, 25 Barr Lake (MLR, LW) - both occurrences irregular.

Robin - first appeared in flocks 8/7, Longmont (IB); all had left farm by 8/26, fall migrants appearing later (October, November) (ML).

Swainson's Thrush - 1 9/3 residential Idaho Springs (RG, NS); Plains - F 1 9/11 Longmont (AC), L 1 10/28 Barr Lake (Club).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - F 2 9/18 Longmont (IB); numerous Longmont 9/26-10/3, 14 banded this fall, none 1960 (AC); H 6 10/14 Barr Lake (Club); L 1 11/19 Golden (G. Shier).

Water Pipit - 8-12 9/3 residential Idaho Springs and Georgetown (RG, NS); H 100 10/14 Longmont (IB); L 12 10/29 Westminster (HH).

Tennessee Warbler - 1 10/6-7 Golden (LD, Club)
Orange-crowned Warbler - F 1 9/9 Barr Lake (Club); L 1 11/10 Ft. Collins (AC, MD); down in numbers this fall, 19 banded, 31 banded 1960, Longmont (AC).
PARULA WARBLER - 1 10/24 Golden (GS).
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - 1 male 10/30 Longmont (AC).
Myrtle Warbler - F 9/2 Boulder Co. (G. Smith); L 2 10/30 Golden (G. Shier).
Audubon's Warbler - (Plains) F 2 8/29 Golden (DC, LD); L 1 12/1 Lyons (AC); numerous this fall (9/4-10/25), 110 banded, only 2 banded 1960 (19 banded 9/28/61) Longmont (AC).
Townsend's Warbler - F 2 8/19 Genesee Mtn Park (DC, LD); H flock 12 9/13 Aurora (MLR); L 3 10/29 Golden (G. Shier); unusually frequent, other reports from Georgetown, Red Rocks Park, Lyons, Longmont, Echo Lake (mostly 9/3 - 10/1).
Wilson's Warbler - (plains) F 1 8/11 Denver (L and CB); H 19 9/3 Golden (DC, LD); L 1 10/7 Golden (Club) except 1 11/20 during chinook after cold spell, Longmont (Mrs. TW, per AC); up in numbers this year, 72 banded, 36 banded 1960 Longmont (AC).
Clay-colored Sparrow - F 3 8/30 Platteville (ML); H 15 9/17 Boulder (Club) and 9/24 Rocky Mtn Arsenal (MLR); L 10/19 Golden (G. Shier).
Brewer's Sparrow - F 8 8/20 Platteville (ML); L 10/25 Golden (G. Shier).

WINTER RESIDENT SPECIES:

Wood Duck - F 1 10/15 Bow Mar (Club); 1 11/26 Cherry Creek Dam (Club).
Ring-necked Duck - F 10 9/30 Bow Mar (Club); H 200 11/19 Bow Mar (Club).
Common Goldeneye - F 6 10/29 Denver (HH); H 87 11/5 Estes Park (J and MD).
Barrow's Goldeneye - F pair 11/26 Estes Park (IB).
OLDSQUAW - male 11/11-12/3 (pair 11/24-26) Cherry Creek Dam (NH, TM, AR, others).
Hooded Merganser - F 2 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (NH).
Common Merganser - F 2 9/18 Indian Meadows, Larimer Co., elev. 7000' (L and CB).
Goshawk - 1 11/3 eating rabbit Golden (G. Shier).
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2 9/3 Golden (DC, LD).
Rough-winged Hawk - F 1 10/14 Barr Lake (Club).
Bald Eagle - F 1 adult 12/16 Longmont (IB).
Pigeon Hawk - 1 10/7 Golden (Club).
Herring Gull - F 1 11/19 Bow Mar (Club).
Ring-billed Gull - F 20 8/2 Longmont (IB).
Short-eared Owl - F 10 11/11 Longmont (CNC); 1 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (NH).
Saw-whet Owl - 1 10/2 Longmont (IB, AC).
Steller's Jay - (plains) 1 11/26 City Park, Denver (MR).
Mountain Chickadee - (plains) F 10/7 (seen on 19 days, 10/7 to 11/30), H 5 11/27 (TM); 2 11/4 (through 12/18) in park, Platteville (ML); many other reports.
White-breasted Nuthatch - plains F 3 9/16 SE Denver (P and JW); several others from 9/20, Denver, Platteville, Colorado Springs, etc.
Red-breasted Nuthatch - plains F 1 10/3 Golden (LD); 1-2 on 6 days 10/9-11/30 Denver (TM); 2 10/14 Barr Lake (Club); 1 10/17 Holyoke (ML).
Brown Creeper - F 1 10/4, seen on 21 days, 10/4 - 11/30 (4 10/31) Denver (TM); 3 10/14 Barr Lake (Club); 1 11/9 Platteville (ML).
Dipper - plains F 2 10/21 Morrison (Club).
Long-billed Marsh Wren - F 4 9/30 Sedalia (Club).
VARIED THRUSH - 1 12/10 (remaining) Boulder, at Allsebrooks' (VB).
Townsend's Solitaire - 1 9/3 residential Idaho Springs (RG, NS); (plains) F 2 9/3 Weldona (HR); Denver F 10/2, seen on 15 days 10/2 - 11/30 (4 11/20-21) (TM).
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1 8/27 transition zone, Genesee Mtn Park (DT); (plains) F 1 10/13 Denver (TM); none since 11/23 (2) SE Denver (P and JW).
Bohemian Waxwing - F 4 12/9 Longmont (IB), 12 12/13 Denver (M and LK).
Cedar Waxwing - F 1 9/2 Boulder Co. (G. Smith).

Northern Shrike - F 1 9/26 Fort Morgan (ML).
Evening Grosbeak - (plains) F 1 8/24, numerous (through November) Longmont (AC); numerous November, Golden, Denver, Platteville, etc.
Cassin's Finch - (plains) F 2 11/18 Morrison (Club).
Rosy Finches (species ?) - mountains 300 11/26 Estes Park (IB); (plains) F 70 11/12, 130 11/24 Golden (LD, G. Shier); at roost in clay pit 11/13, 1 Black, 1 Brown-capped, 8 Gray-crowned (LD).
Pine Siskin - (plains) 38 9/3 Golden (DC, LD); 20 9/25 Holyoke (ML).
White-winged Junco - F 1 9/25 Holyoke (ML); 10/13 Golden (G. Shier); seen 7 days, 10/22 - 11/30 Denver (TM).
Slate-colored Junco - F 9/25 Holyoke, 1 10/3 Platteville (ML).
Oregon Junco - F 1 (mearnsi) 9/24 Rocky Mtn Arsenal (MLR); 10/1 Golden (G.Shier).
Gray-headed Junco - several 9/23 at timberline, Loveland Pass (DT); (plains) F 1 9/7 Longmont (AC).
Tree Sparrow - F 1 10/9 Longmont (AC).
Harris' Sparrow - F 1 10/18 Weldona (HR), 1 10/29 Longmont (AC).
White-crowned Sparrow - (plains) F 1 9/21 Weldona (HR), 1 10/3 Denver (TM); scarce this fall, Denver, Longmont; 195 banded fall 1961, 417 in 1960, Longmont (AC).
White-throated Sparrow - F 1 10/3, 6 records to 10/31 Longmont (AC); 2 10/14 Barr Lake (Club).
Song Sparrow - F 10/4 Golden (GS).
Lapland Longspur - Numerous overhead 11/26 Cherry Creek Dam (Club). (See Weldona Notes).

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Sandhill Crane - first 100 9/24; many thousand above the clouds 9/27-30. Earliest migration in such huge numbers in the 16 years recorded here; only other early date was September 18, 1957, when 7 were seen, but no more until October 15. Migration usually is spread throughout October, but none seen in October, this year. This year's severe September storms and an early freeze must have forced them out.
Killdeer - none.
Mourning Dove - fair numbers present (S); last, 1 10/3.
Great Horned Owl - commoner than earlier in year (S); fairly common (O); occasional (N).
Common Nighthawk - 1 9/17, only record after 8/30.
Red-shafted Flicker - 2 9/17; occasional (S-N).
Western Kingbird - last 9/18.
Say's Phoebe - a few present to 9/30; last 10/3.
Dusky Flycatcher - 1 9/7-25.
Western Wood Pewee - last 9/9.
Horned Lark - flight song 9/23 and 10/13, only times ever noted here in fall; very common (N), with numbers of Lapland Longspur.
Barn Swallow - 3 9/11, the first seen this year.
Blue Jay - 1 9/30, 10/5.
Black-billed Magpie - fairly common S,O; less common, N.
Pinon Jay - 1 9/9, 6 10/5.
Common Crow - occasional, but rare (O).
Brown Creeper - 1 10/6.
Rock Wren - 1 10/16, probably last.
Mockingbird - last, 9/18.
Brown Thrasher - last 9/16.
Sage Thrasher - last 9/22, except 1 10/16.
Robin - occasional (S); present thru 11/28; unusually common this fall (O); most seen 20, 10/5.
Hermit Thrush - first 1 9/26, remained to 10/3.
Mountain Bluebird - fairly common this fall (O); most seen 30 10/4; remained to 10/23.
Townsend's Solitaire - first, 2 9/3-4; last 10/14; quite common.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - quite common (O); last 10/8.
Cedar Waxwing - 2 11/10.
Northern Shrike - first, 1 10/22; not seen since 11/25; probably present.
Loggerhead Shrike - last 9/27.
Starling - first since June (O); does not stay; most 30 10/6; none, N.
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 9/17.
Myrtle Warbler - 1 9/17 through 30; quite common (O), to 10/20.
Audubon's Warbler - 1 9/12.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1 9/26.
Wilson's Warbler - 1 8/31 - 9/6; present 9/30.
House Sparrow - occasional, S; a few present, October, left when Northern Shrike came; occasional, N.
Western Meadowlark - common (S); as many as 30 singing at one time in tree near the house (O); a few wintering, more farther south (N).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 9/6, only one seen.
Redwinged Blackbird - rare (O); a few stray in briefly; last 11/1.
Brewer's Blackbird - first, 1 9/3; 1 9/18; common 9/27; scarce by 9/30.
Black-headed Grosbeak - 1 9/8.
Blue Grosbeak - last, 9/6.
Purple Finch - 1 10/17 (not positive identification).
House Finch - 1 9/27-28; few (O) but rare this fall.
American Goldfinch - 1 9/16; a few almost every day (O).

Lesser Goldfinch - 1 9/15 (rare here).
Green-tailed Towhee - first, 2 9/7-9.
Rufous-sided Towhee - 1 9/10.
Lark Bunting - last 9/20.
Vesper Sparrow - first, 1 9/2-8; last 10/10; very common for a while.
Lark Sparrow - last 9/8.
Cassin's Sparrow - last 9/15.
White-winged Junco - first, 6 10/13; few present through 10/31.
Oregon Junco - first, 1 9/26-27; a few through 10/31; no juncos present by last of November, except farther south.
Tree Sparrow - first, 3 10/23; remain in very small numbers.
Chipping Sparrow - last 9/16.
Clay-colored Sparrow - very common 9/14-18; last 9/30.
Brewer's Sparrow - common early September; last 9/15.
Harris' Sparrow - 1 10/18-20; a rare migrant.
White-crowned Sparrow - first, 1 9/21-22; few remain, 9/30.
Lapland Longspur - first, 50 9/24-25; very common 9/27; thousands rushed through in late September, early October; small number still present, 10/31.
McCown's Longspur - first, 4 9/5-6, common 9/15; last about 9/25 (difficult to determine last date because of more numerous Lapland Longspur); also was very common at times and rushed through here.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS COUNT

A Christmas Count from the Black Forest area, southeast of Colorado Springs, was unintentionally omitted from the preceeding Count summary. It was taken on January 1, 1962, by Richard G. Beidleman, Betty Field, Laurence B. Field and Mrs. L.T. Koke. All of the 29 species were included in one or more of the other reports, but this area reported the highest count for the White-winged Junco.

The count: Golden Eagle, 6; Bald Eagle, 1; Prairie Falcon, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Horned Lark, 7; Steller's Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 25; Common Raven, 1; Common Crow, 1; Mountain Chickadee, 21; White-breasted Nuthatch, 10; Pigmy Nuthatch, 21; Brown Creeper, 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 520; Northern Shrike, 1; Starling, 37; Cassin's Finch, 3; House Finch, 10; Pine Siskin, 17; American Goldfinch, 21; Red Crossbill, 85; White-winged Junco, 151; Slate-colored Junco, 5; Oregon Junco, 23; Gray-headed Junco, 5; Tree Sparrow, 28.

Total, 29 species; 973 individuals. Four observers in three parties.

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Dues for 1962 are now payable. They should be sent to the treasurer, Philip Alexander, 100 Elm St. Denver 20, Colo.

March Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 8:00 p.m., in the Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History. (Use north door, through basement.) Col. and Mrs. Charles Snyder will talk on their experiences with birds in Europe.

A trip to see booming Lesser Prairie Chickens is planned for May 5-6, to be led by Thompson Marsh and Ronald Ryder. Meet at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the courthouse at Springfield, Baca County.

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(This is the second section of the February 15 Colorado Bird Notes, the first 6 pages having been mailed about two weeks ago. If you failed to receive the first section, let us know.)

## APRIL FIELD TRIPS

Note- The March 31 trip, leaving the Museum at 7 a.m., will meet those from north of Denver at the parking lot of the Safeway store at Mulberry St. and College Ave., Fort Collins, at about 8:45 a.m.

Sun. 1 7:00 AM Museum of Natural History parking lot. Barr Lake area. Harold Holt, leader. Bring lunch.
Sat. 7 7:30 AM Alameda & Acoma. Waterton area. Ferd Kleinschnitz, leader. Bring lunch.
Sun. 8 7:00 AM Colfax & Sheridan. Rod Rocks and Genesee Mountain Parks. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½ day.
Sat. 14 7:30 AM Museum of Natural History parking lot. Barr Lake area. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.
Sun. 15 1:00 PM Colfax & Sheridan. Marston & Bowles Lake. Phyllis McRae, leader.
Sat. 21 10:00 AM Colfax & Sheridan. Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.
Sun. 22 Easter - no trip scheduled.
Sat. 28 7:00 AM Museum of Natural History parking lot. Longmont area. Nancy Hurley and Jay Arnold, leaders. Bring lunch.
Sun. 29 7:00 AM Museum of Natural History parking lot. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½ day.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST REVISION

New Members, Welcome:

Curfman, Mr. James - 20 Elm St., Denver 20.
Harrison, Mr. Robert F. - 124 E. 2nd St., Salida.
Nelson, Mr. William G. - 750 4th Ave., Longmont (Subscribing).
Stultz, Mrs. Nina - 348 9th Ave., Longmont (subscribing).
Wiegman, Grace M. - P.O.Box 709, Boulder.
Wright, Mrs. Robbie M. - Jamestown Star Route, Boulder.

Changed to Supporting Member: Wheeler, Miss Ruth.

Changed Address:

Lamb, Mr. Robert E. - 200 West CannonSt.,Lafayette.
Rose, Mrs. Julia S.- 1281 So. Downing St., Denver 10.
Senior, Mrs. Marian B. - 5635 S. Crocker St., Littleton.

Correction:

Norton, Miss Adrianna - should be 1612 South Columbine St.

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CORRECTION: The Prairie Chickens reported seen by Mrs. Collister at Bonny Reservoir, Aug. 26, 1961, were Greater, not Lesser. (CBN, Jan. 1, 1962, page 42.)

# COLORADO BIRD NOTES

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## WINTER BIRDS IN ALASKA

by Joseph Borden

The most striking aspect of winter bird lifeto a new Alaskan is its paucity. We are now completing our first winter in Anchorage and can give no comparative figures with past winters, but our list for November to mid-March is surprisingly short There was a substantial snow on October 27, and the ground has not been bare since then. The overall snowfall, however, has not been excessive, and the temperature has been no worse than Denver's this year.

Anchorage is on the Cook Inlet, which means it is essentially at sea level, and a common phenomenon in winter is ice fog caused by the temperature differential between the water and the atmosphere combined with a ready supply of moisture. These ice fogs frequently roll over Anchorage from the Inlet and may last all night or several days, covering trees, bushes and grass with a thick sheath of ice. This is hard on the birds. The Inlet has a 40-foot tide which keeps it from freezing solid, but as it is merely a mass of floating ice that flows down and back with the tide, the effect is the same.

The most common winter bird is the Common Raven. It has adopted mankind and city life almost like the pigeon. We live in an apartment in the downtown business section, and there is not a day that we do not see ravens from our windows. A few weeks ago, a pair sat on the roof of the Junior High School in the heart of town and croaked and told jokes for quite a while. The Magpie is here and we see occasional ones whenever we go out of town, but seldom in town. It is quite abundant around some of the farms.

Pine Grosbeaks have been here all winter; we see flocks of eight or ten every few days. Bohemian Waxwings were here until mid-January, but we have seen none lately. The Common Redpoll appeared in large flocks early in the winter and we still see occasional small flocks. The White-winged Crossbill has been reported, but we have not seen it.

All three ptarmigan species are here. We have seen them along the Inlet and on the borders of town. In spite of the year-round record of four species of woodpeckers, we have not seen any. There were Glaucous-winged Gulls here early in November, but we have not seen them in Anchorage since that time.

There is a small but enthusiastic birding group, the Alaska Ornithological Society, here, including two former employees of the National Audubon Society. Their Christmas Count totalled 19 species, but we were in California at that time and could not accompany them. I understand the list was sent in too late for Audubon Field Notes. The A.O.S. was much interested in two reports of the Great Gray Owl since Christmas, indicative of nesting in the area.

Here is a list of the birds the Bordens have seen in the Anchorage area this winter: Bald Eagle, Willow Ptarmigan, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Glaucous-winged Gull, Herring Gull, Mew Gull, Gray Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Common Raven, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll. (Mrs. Borden insists she is surprised that there are any!)

Seward is 78 miles south and a little east of Anchorage, across the Kenai Mountains, at the head of Resurrection Bay, an arm of the Pacific. In contrast

to Cook Inlet, which is choked with ice, there is no ice there because of the Japan Current, although the surrounding country has more snow than Anchorage. On a trip to Seward, March 10 and 11, we saw the following birds: Pelagic Cormorant, 4; Mallard, 4 (2 pairs); Greater Scaup, 3; Common Goldeneye, 50; Barrow's Goldeneye, 35; Harlequin Duck, 10 (some beautiful males); Surf Scoter, 15; White-winged Scoter, 5; Bald Eagle, 2 (1 adult, 1 immature); Glacous-winged Gull, 25; Western Gull, 15; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Common Raven, 1; Northwestern Crow, 75 (the first we have seen). The crow is to Seward what the raven is to Anchorage -- all over town from the beach to the business district.

The highlight of our Seward trip was not a bird. It was our first sight of sea otters, believed until recently to be extinct, but now staging a comeback to the extent that the Alaska Fish and Game Department plans to harvest a few this year, the first in 60 years. We saw three feeding and playing about the Seward piers.

March 18, 1962

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## WELDONA NOTES

by Howard Rollin

January 31, 1962 -- There is so little to report here that December and January can well be combined. December was on the cold side, the first part of the month recording 8° below zero, but there was very little snow before the 3 inches of the 26th. January was pleasant until 10½ inches of snow fell on the 7th and 8th, followed by wind and bitter cold and more snow to a depth of 18 inches. The lowest temperature was -26°, and many days had highs of zero. Birds were scarce during the storm, but they have become common again since the weather moderated.

February 28 -- Like December and January, February was quiet as far as bird life is concerned. The Horned Lark was the most numerous species, the Tree Sparrow second. All hawks were extremely scarce and even the Magpie was unusually few. A very few Northern Shrikes and Lapland Longspurs remained throughout the winter. A SNOWY OWL was seen south of New Raymer (north of here in Weld County) in January by a reliable observer.

March 31 -- The last few days of March had increased bird activity. A few migrants appeared, but migration is still slow.

The following notes summarize the four months (D - Dec., J - Jan., F - Feb., M - March):

Ducks - none this year to date.
Rough-legged Hawk - present, but very few.
Golden Eagle - occasional (F,M).
Marsh Hawk - the most numerous hawk, but scarce.
Prairie Falcon - very occasional.
Sparrow Hawk - a few occurrences.
Ring-necked Pheasant - fairly common in suitable places south of here; survived the winter well.
Killdeer - first, 1 3/27-28.
Great Horned Owl - a few.
SNOWY OWL - see above.
Say's Phoebe - first, 1 3/28.
Horned Lark - very common; late in singing, first song 1/29; flight song noted only once or twice.
Black-billed Magpie - scarce, D-J; increasing, F; at nesting sites, M.
Sage Thrasher - first, 1 3/31.
Robin - first, 1 3/23-29; singing 3/30.

Mountain Bluebird - first, 2 3/6-10; a few present to 3/31.
Northern Shrike - present, but scarce, all months.
Starling - none, D,J; a few come and go, F,M.
House Sparrow - none, D, J; small numbers stay briefly, F,M; none at end of March.
Western Meadowlark - 3-6 at ranch, more south, D,J; very numerous, singing everywhere, M.
Red-winged Blackbird - one or two occasionally stray in.
Brown-headed Cowbird - first, 2 3/21 (earliest date in 16 years); next, 3/26.
Pine Siskin - occasional, D,J.
White-winged Junco - 2 3/29-31.
Oregon Junco - 1 or 2, D; none, J; first of spring, 1 3/9-10; few still present 3/31.
Tree Sparrow - common all winter; last, 3/29.
White-crowned Sparrow - first, 2 3/31.
Lapland Longspur - during heavy snowfall, evening of Jan. 7, 30 or 40 about yard lights; small number all winter; last seen 3/16.

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## SPRING COUNT, 1962

compiled by Harold Holt

Ninety-two observers participated in the 1962 Spring Count, May 19, in 13 areas throughout Colorado. Although there were more participants than last year (78) and 54% more party hours were spent in the field, the total species list of 221 was unaccountably seven less than last year's. No group showed any appreciable loss except the passerines, which had 14 fewer species than in 1961, mainly of the thrush family and the sparrow group of the fringillids. Eight species new to the Count were found, bringing the total for the eight state-wide counts (1955-1962) to 290 species.

A few questionable records were omitted, some because the numbers reported were exceptionally high. The two Sprague's Pipits at Colorado Springs were accepted, as they were seen where one was well observed several years ago, at Johnson's Reservoir, but another report, of a bird with un-pipit-like behavior, was omitted.

In the following table (on pages 20 - 24), the species new to the Count are indicated with asterisks (*), and the thirty most unusual species are underlined as well as several high species counts. Explanation of the column headings and names of observers are given on page 24. (Continued on page 20)

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Dr. Ronald Ryder, who is Assistant Professor of Wildlife Management, Department of Forest Recreation and Wildlife Conservation at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, writes:

We are live-trapping, banding, andcolor-marking several species of water birds in the vicinity of Fort Collins and are writing you in hopes you or your associates might observe these color-marked birds and report the place and date of such sightings. All of these marking activities are a part of a study of the role water birds play in the dispersal of aquatic organisms. The following species are being dyed with various harmless dyes as well as banded with regulation aluminum bands and colored by markers: Ring-billed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, American Coot, Mallard, Pintail, Avocet and Killdeer.

Please inform us of any observations you may make of these dyed birds. If you desire we will send you copies of progress reports of the study as they are prepared.

| Species | BD | La | MC | FC | L | B | BL | GM | F | CS | DJ | PC | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Common Loon | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Eared Grebe | 20 | 2 | | 20 | 1 | | 10 | | 9 | | | 10 | 2 |
| Western Grebe | | 11 | | 162 | 19 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | | | 1 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 1 | | 5 | 12 | | 1 | |
| White Pelican | | 8 | | 71 | | | | | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 2 | 15 | | 16 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | | | 2 | 51 | 16 | 18 | 4 | | | 3 | | | |
| Green Heron | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Snowy Egret | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 3 | | | |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | | | | 11 | 2 | 2 | 8 | | | 3 | | | |
| American Bittern | | | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| White-faced Ibis | | | | | 1 | 4 | 26 | | | | | | |
| Canada Goose | | | | 17 | | | 3 | | 4 | | | | |
| Mallard | 24 | 7 | 14 | 136 | 112 | 80 | 20 | | 64 | 54 | 12 | 78 | 6 |
| Gadwall | 1 | 2 | 4 | 49 | 119 | 22 | 1 | | 10 | 105 | | 7 | |
| Pintail | 2 | 3 | | 36 | 6 | | 2 | | 7 | 4 | | 32 | 4 |
| Green-winged Teal | 1 | | 4 | 32 | 18 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | | | 8 | |
| Blue-winged Teal | 40 | 1 | 10 | 91 | 160 | 76 | 15 | | 22 | 19 | | 6 | 2 |
| Cinnamon Teal | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 8 | 3 | | 2 | | | 1 | |
| American Widgeon | 6 | 4 | | 14 | 2 | | 1 | | 10 | 7 | | 2 | |
| Shoveler | 16 | 1 | 8 | 195 | 101 | 26 | 10 | | 22 | 197 | | 14 | 18 |
| Redhead | | | 14 | 19 | 11 | 11 | 8 | | | | | 5 | |
| Ring-necked Duck | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Canvasback | 1 | | | 8 | 4 | | | | | 4 | | | |
| Lesser Scaup | 12 | | | 50 | 37 | 8 | 4 | | 11 | 6 | | 21 | |
| Common Goldeneye | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bufflehead | | | | 3 | 6 | | | | 3 | 2 | | | |
| Ruddy Duck | | 53 | 5 | 67 | 140 | 8 | 6 | | | 62 | | 17 | 8 |
| Common Merganser | | 5 | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 13 | | 16 | | 10 |
| Goshawk | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Cooper's Hawk | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | | | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Swainson's Hawk | 8 | 7 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Rough-legged Hawk | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Ferruginous Hawk | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden Eagle | | 1 | | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Marsh Hawk | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | 2 | 3 | | | |
| Osprey | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Prairie Falcon | | | | 7 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Peregrine Falcon | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sparrow Hawk | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 72 | 16 | 1 | | 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| * Lesser Prairie Chicken | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bobwhite | 8 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Scaled Quail | | 6 | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| California Quail | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 30 | 10 | 3 | 57 | 32 | 23 | 6 | | 3 | 14 | | | 1 |
| Virginia Rail | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Sora | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 7 | | | | |
| American Coot | 50 | 14 | 12 | 69 | 83 | 45 | 100 | | 91 | 10 | 7 | 11 | |
| Killdeer | 16 | 13 | 4 | 35 | 43 | 49 | 20 | | 8 | 31 | | 3 | 2 |
| * Mountain Plover | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |

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| Common Snipe | | | | | | 8 | | | | 5 | | | |
| Long-billed Curlew | | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 2 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 2 | | 8 | | | 15 | 4 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Willet | | | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 3 | | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | | | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | | 4 | | 62 | 2 | 3 | 11 | | 1 | | | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | | | | | | 1 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Western Sandpiper | | | | | | | 1 | | | 5 | | | |
| Marbled Godwit | | | | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanderling | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Avocet | 5 | 26 | 1 | 108 | 63 | 51 | 50 | | 1 | 5 | | 4 | |
| Black-necked Stilt | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Phalarope | 1 | 2 | | 428 | 82 | 160 | 10 | | 5 | 5 | | 242 | |
| Northern Phalarope | | | | 1 | 450 | | | | | | | | |
| California Gull | | | | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Ring-billed Gull | 8 | 2 | | 172 | 38 | | | | 3 | | | 33 | |
| Franklin's Gull | 20 | | | 106 | 2 | | | | | 5 | | 12 | |
| Forster's Tern | | 2 | | 5 | 1 | | 5 | | | | | | |
| Black Tern | 300 | 83 | 42 | 153 | 105 | 6 | 14 | | 50 | 5 | | 19 | 25 |
| Mourning Dove | 100 | 94 | 56 | 131 | 734 | 97 | 50 | 4 | 74 | 178 | 24 | 3 | 51 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Screech Owl | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | 6 | | | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Burrowing Owl | | 4 | | 2 | | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Long-eared Owl | | | | 1 | 7 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Poor-will | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | 3 | 5 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | | | | | | | 13 | | | |
| White-throated Swift | | | | 3 | 1 | 50 | | 10 | 3 | 55 | 14 | | |
| *Black-chinned Hummingbird | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird | | | | 3 | 14 | 5 | | 7 | | 55 | 14 | 3 | |
| Belted Kingfisher | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-shafted Flicker | | | 3 | 25 | 70 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 2 | | 7 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 30 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Lewis' Woodpecker | | 3 | | 4 | 18 | 9 | | | 1 | 4 | | | 4 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 6 | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | | 5 | 1 | 2 | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 4 | | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | | 4 | | | |
| Eastern Kingbird | 100 | 10 | 10 | 44 | 28 | 9 | 1 | | 5 | 22 | | | |
| Western Kingbird | 80 | 126 | 36 | 21 | 87 | 9 | 5 | | 12 | 53 | 1 | | 3 |
| Cassin's Kingbird | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 | | | | |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Say's Phoebe | | 2 | 4 | | | 3 | | 3 | | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| *Hammond's Flycatcher | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Dusky Flycatcher | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| *Gray Flycatcher | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Empidonax (unidentified) | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 7 | | | |

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| Western Flycatcher | | | | | | 2 | | 3 | | | | | |
| *Eastern Wood Pewee | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Western Wood Pewee | 5 | 1 | | 4 | 8 | 4 | | | 2 | 8 | | | 1 |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Horned Lark | 4 | 34 | 22 | 62 | | | 2 | | 19 | 85 | | 88 | |
| Violet-green Swallow | | | | 24 | 133 | 6 | | 10 | 1 | 83 | 34 | 3 | 90 |
| Tree Swallow | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | | 23 | 42 | |
| Bank Swallow | 1 | | | | 54 | | 1 | | | 5 | | | 1 |
| Rough-winged Swallow | 30 | | 4 | 7 | 40 | 6 | 31 | | 10 | 33 | 10 | | 23 |
| Barn Swallow | 8 | 13 | 8 | 77 | 166 | 100 | 8 | | 4 | 37 | 5 | 1 | 13 |
| Cliff Swallow | 200 | 41 | 150 | 376 | 682 | 106 | | | 22 | 190 | 6 | 76 | 2 |
| Gray Jay | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Blue Jay | 30 | 3 | 17 | 8 | 6 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | |
| Steller's Jay | | | | 1 | 20 | 4 | | 2 | | 24 | 9 | | |
| Scrub Jay | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 23 | 1 | | 9 |
| Black-billed Magpie | 4 | 15 | 10 | 71 | 327 | 117 | 30 | 14 | 35 | 173 | 25 | 20 | 84 |
| Common Raven | | | | | 7 | | | 4 | 2 | | | 7 | |
| White-necked Raven | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Crow | 6 | 4 | 3 | 28 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 3 |
| Pinon Jay | | | | | 30 | 12 | | | | 18 | 82 | | 7 |
| Clark's Nutcracker | | | | | 5 | | | 12 | | 1 | 44 | 1 | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 4 | | 2 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| Mountain Chickadee | | | | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | | | | | 3 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Pigmy Nuthatch | | | | | 5 | | | 6 | | 9 | | 2 | |
| Dipper | | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | |
| House Wren | 30 | 1 | 21 | 16 | 40 | 12 | 3 | | 3 | 20 | 1 | 2 | |
| Canon Wren | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Rock Wren | | | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | | | 3 | 1 | 16 | 1 | |
| Mockingbird | 10 | 49 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | | 5 | 3 | | 2 | |
| Catbird | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | | 1 | | 2 | | | |
| Brown Thrasher | 12 | | 3 | 7 | 7 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Robin | 2 | | 2 | 85 | 152 | 112 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 252 | 37 | 60 | 24 |
| Wood Thrush | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hermit Thrush | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | |
| Swainson's Thrush | 8 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Western Bluebird | | | | | | | | | 1 | 6 | | | 2 |
| Mountain Bluebird | | | | | 26 | 2 | | 3 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 23 | 7 |
| Townsend's Solitaire | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 7 | | | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| Water Pipit | | | | 1 | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| *Sprague's Pipit | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Loggerhead Shrike | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 5 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Starling | 12 | 9 | 30 | 50 | 647 | 150 | 30 | 7 | 38 | 185 | 5 | 5 | 102 |
| Bell's Vireo | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Solitary Vireo | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | | | | 6 | 5 | 2 | | | 1 | 4 | | | |
| Warbling Vireo | 4 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 14 | | | 8 |
| Black-and-White Warbler | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |

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| Orange-crowned Warbler | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Virginia's Warbler | | | | | | 4 | | 1 | | 49 | 1 | | 1 |
| Yellow Warbler | 3 | 1 | 5 | 56 | 71 | 95 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 82 | 21 | 1 | 34 |
| Magnolia Warbler | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Myrtle Warbler | | | | 2 | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Audubon's Warbler | 1 | | | 13 | 9 | 4 | | 12 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 10 | |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| Ovenbird | 2 | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| Northern Waterthrush | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| *Mourning Warbler | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | | | 1 |
| Yellowthroat | 8 | | 4 | 18 | 81 | 65 | 3 | | 21 | 9 | 1 | | |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 1 | | | 1 | 21 | | | 10 | 3 | | | | |
| Wilson's Warbler | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| American Redstart | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | |
| House Sparrow | 20 | 103 | 50 | 25 | 252 | 155 | 30 | | 13 | 184 | | 4 | 34 |
| Bobolink | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Meadowlark | 60 | 100 | 90 | 176 | 516 | 147 | 100 | 7 | 172 | 160 | 3 | 7 | 33 |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 80 | 26 | 10 | 50 | 520 | 85 | 300 | | 93 | 32 | 2 | 4 | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 200 | 25 | 66 | 165 | 2436 | 400 | 300 | | 171 | 194 | 55 | 97 | 167 |
| Orchard Oriole | 40 | | 6 | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Baltimore Oriole | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bullock's Oriole | 10 | 15 | 16 | 47 | 35 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 31 | 1 | | 11 |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | | 1 | | 13 | 91 | 34 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 103 | 40 | 172 | 147 |
| Common Grackle | 12 | 14 | 44 | 21 | 277 | 35 | 4 | | 2 | 57 | | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 6 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 20 | | 14 | |
| Western Tanager | | | | 6 | 9 | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 13 | | | 1 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 | | 2 | | 47 | | | 33 |
| Blue Grosbeak | 4 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Indigo Bunting | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Lazuli Bunting | | | | 19 | 37 | 27 | | 15 | 4 | 24 | | | 7 |
| Dickcissel | 3 | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak | 2 | | | 13 | 3 | 2 | | | | 115 | | | 1090 |
| Cassin's Finch | | | | 2 | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| House Finch | | | 4 | 18 | 32 | 112 | | | 10 | 188 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Pine Siskin | | | | 22 | 123 | 200 | | 27 | 4 | 226 | 61 | 33 | 465 |
| American Goldfinch | 3 | | 3 | 18 | 15 | 25 | | | | 16 | | | 4 |
| Lesser Goldfinch | | | | | | 12 | | | | | | | 3 |
| Red Crossbill | | | | | | | | 30 | | | | | |
| Green-tailed Towhee | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | 1 | | | 21 | 18 | 36 | | 23 | 5 | 92 | | | 4 |
| Lark Bunting | 20 | 203 | 24 | 106 | | | 50 | | 147 | 52 | | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Baird's Sparrow | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | 4 | |
| Vesper Sparrow | 1 | 3 | | 14 | 7 | 6 | | 3 | 6 | 19 | | 1 | 3 |
| Lark Sparrow | 60 | 10 | 18 | 35 | 57 | 9 | 6 | | 9 | 34 | | | 1 |
| Cassin's Sparrow | 3 | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gray-headed Junco | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 7 | | 8 | 4 | 18 | |
| Oregon Junco | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | 1 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 6 | 1 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 45 | 30 | 8 | 16 |
| Tree Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 |

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| Clay-colored Sparrow | 2 | | 6 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Sparrow | 1 | | 4 | 5 | | | 1 | | | 12 | 5 | | 1 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | 2 | 2 | 6 | 40 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 23 | 7 |
| White-throated Sparrow | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | 2 | | | | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Song Sparrow | 2 | | | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 19 |
| McCown's Longspur | | | | 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total species (221) | 102 | 80 | 68 | 139 | 129 | 116 | 71 | 56 | 91 | 128 | 54 | 71 | 64 |
| Observers (92) | 7 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Parties (35) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Party hours (351) | 15 | 12 | 11 | 39 | 65 | 38 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 100 | 16 | 14 | 9 |

Areas covered and participants:

BD - Bonny Dam, lake and river bottom - Thompson Marsh, Tom Palmer, John Chapin & family.

La - Lamar and S. E. corner of Colo. - Charles and Mildred Snyder.

MC - Morgan county (Fort Morgan to Weldona and Rollin's Ranch) - Howard Rollins, R. E. Olson.

FC - Fort Collins north to Wyoming line, Big Thompson Canyon, Wellington, Buckhorn, Black Hollow and Rist Canyon - Sheila Brewer, Alice Dickerson, Margaret and John Douglass, Jim Frates, Howard Funk, Tony Gasbarro, Jon Malcolm, Phil Mason, Jim McCrum, Meredith Morris, Bill Reffalt, Bob Rodgers, and Ronald Ryder.

L - Longmont, Berthoud, Lyons, South St. Vrain, North St. Vrain, Trail Ridge Road to Rainbow Curve, Bear Lake Road, Estes Park - Jay H. Arnold, Inez Baker, David Bolton, Marjorie Brown, Allegra Collister, Ruth Dunbar, Harold Dunning, Rennie Fox, Ella Haubold, Verna Haubold, Edith Myers, Erma Neill, Bill Nelson, Jim Nelson, Gwendolyn Smith, Merle Thielen, Faith Wilson.

B - Boulder and vicinity - Russel Austin, Venola Bivans, Marjorie Brown, Anne Condit Olive Cobb, Louise Hering, Paul and Losley Julian, May Richardson, Gwen Smith, Berene Sullivan, Grace Wiedman.

BL - Barr Lake and Mile High lakes - Ted and Ruth Dement, Nancy Hurley.

GM - Red Rocks park, Evergreen, Genesee Mt. to Echo Lake - Helen Aston, Margaret Aston, Donald Thatcher.

F - Franktown, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Dam, Castle Rock - Parnell and Jean White.

CS - Colorado Springs and vicinity - Aiken Ornithological Society.

DJ - Derby Junction to State Bridge, Derby Mesa - Larry Davis, George Shier.

PC - Park county (Kenosha Pass to Antero Reservoir) - Cliff Daniels, Bob and Nancy Gustafson.

D - Durango and vicinity - Thomas J. Frizell, Sandra Frizell, Alberta Oliver, Oppie Reames.

# WINTER SEASON 1961-62

by Donald M. Thatcher

The 1961-2 winter season, although much colder, was, bird-wise, much like the preceding winter. Many of the irregular or high-light occurrences of 1960-1 were repeated, including those of Barrow's Goldeneye, Oldsquaw, Mountain Chickadee (invasion of plains), Bewick's Wren, Robin (in numbers), Varied Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, Yellow-headed and Rusty Blackbirds, Evening Grosbeak and Cassin's Finch (on plains). Steller's Jay and Red Crossbill failed to repeat their plains flights of the year before. Two species were more in evidence than during the preceding winter--the Clark's Nutcracker appeared at several places on the plains and the Pinon Jay wintered in numbers in the Sedalia-Castle Rock area. Perhaps the most interesting rare occurrence in eastern Colorado was that of the Snowy Owl, reported from three places, apparently on the fringe of a flight which, though mild, was driven further south than usual by the extreme cold weather of January. Several other unusual winter or areal occurrences are included in the following list, which, however, omits many of the regularly wintering or permanent resident species.

Contributors: A. M. Bailey, Mrs. Inez Baker, Lawrence and Catherine Bonner, Dennis Carter, Mrs. Allegra Collister, Noel Collister, Harold and Rebecca Dunning, Robert Glover, Robert and Nancy Gustafson, Harold Holt, Sam Hood, Nancy Hurley, Mrs. Marjorie Lett, Thompson Marsh, Mrs. Edith Myers, R. J. Niedrach, Mrs. Mary Louise Rosegay, Ronald Ryder, G eorge Shier, Charles and Mildred Snyder, Donald Thatcher Mrs. Glenn Viehmyer, Mrs. Jean White, Herman Wilson. "Count" - Christmas Count.

Horned Grebe - 1 12/3 Weld Co. (EM).
Great Blue Heron - reported in 5 Christmas Counts Weldona to Colorado Springs and Durango, but no other winter reports until March.
Whistling Swan - 1 1/7 Bowmar (Club); (see Fall Migration report).
Snow Goose - 10 2/14 Bonny Resv. (AC,IB).
Wood Duck - 2 males, 1 female 1/31 Bowmar (C&MS).
Barrow's Goldeneye - 1 or 2 12/23-4/7 Estes Park (several obs.); pair 3/19-4/7 Fort Collins (RR and others).
Oldsquaw - male 12/3 Cherry Creek Dam (Arapahoe Co.)(TM); 1 3/7 Larimer Co. (AC,EM).
Hooded Merganser - 1 12/5 Larimer Co. (LBC); 1 12/23 BowMar (Count).
Goshawk - 3 occ. Jan. at edge foothills, Golden (GS).
Sharp-shinned Hawk - several reports 12/8-3/6 Denver, some as unwelcome visitors at feeder (TM,DT,JW).
Cooper's Hawk - 1/7-2/20 Denver and Platteville also feeder visitor (L&CB,HH,ML).
HARLAN'S HAWK - 1 1/7 BowMar (Club).
Rough-legged Hawk - approx. 20 all winter, increasing to 35 3/18, 60 or 70 4/1-4 and 80 4/8 (10 percent dark phase) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Derby (MLR); numerous other reports.
Ferruginous Hawk - 1 Jefferson Co. and Colorado Springs Counts; 1 4/4 Rocky Mountain Arsenal (MLR).
Bald Eagle - The appeal for reports on this species brought unexpected results. A total of 56 in western Colorado, mostly seen along the railroad, and carefully checked, was reported to Mrs. Allegra

Collister by Mrs. Lucy Ela of Grand Junction. Other reports are of 4 at Durango (OR, Count) and approximately 34 others in Colorado east of the mountains, from Colorado Springs north and northeast (IB,AC, NC,TM,RR,GS,C&MS, and several Christmas Counts), for a total in Colorado of approximately 94.

Peregrine Falcon - 1 12/19 Morrison (HH); 1 1/21 Longmont (IB).

Prairie Falcon - approx. 18 reported throughout NE Colorado 12/3 through 3/4.

Pigeon Hawk - 7 reports - Colorado Springs to Fort Collins 12/21 thru 3/31; one at Longmont carrying a Starling (AC).

Scaled Quail - 30 (introduced) 1/20 Fort Collins (TM).

California Quail - 30 (intro.) 12/27 (TM) Fort Collins.

Spanish Red-legged Partridge - 4 (intro.) 1/20 Fort Collins (TM).

SANDHILL CRANE - 1-2 2/14,15 Bonny Resv. (IB,AC,C&MS).

American Coot - 1 12/23, 1/7 Estes Park (Count,IB); several other reports at lower elevations.

Glaucous Gull - 1 imm. 2/9 Boulder and 1 adult 2/17 with flock Herring Gulls, Longmont (AC,EM).

Barn Owl - 1 thru Dec. to 1/1, returned 3/18 Longmont (AC); 1 12/21 Boulder (Count).

Burrowing Owl - 1 12/29 Adams Co (AMB).

Short-eared Owl - 1 thru Dec. to 2/24 Cherry Creek Dam, Arapahoe Co(TM); 1 12/27 Longmont (Count); none Platteville area (ML); 6-8 all winter, increasing to 10 or 12 4/1, 22 4/2, fewer by 4/8 at Rocky Mountain Arsenal (MLR).

SNOWY OWL - 1 1/? 5 miles south of Akron (SR, reported to R.Glover); 3 2/10-16 Bonny Dam (AC,IB,C&MS,HW); also, see Weldona notes.

Yellow-shafted Flicker - 1 12/9 Denver (all marks of this species noted, R. Glover).

Lewis' Woodpecker - 7 1/21, perching on sunny side of cottonwood trees in extremely cold weather, Hygiene (IB); 4 2/18 Castle Rock (R&NG); 4 3/4 Castlewood area, Douglas Co. (Club); See Christmas Count.

* Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 12/27 Longmont (Count).

Steller's Jay - 3 1/27 Fort Collins - only plains report (RR).

Common Raven - (plains) 8 2/3 Weld Co. (AC,HD,RD); (mountains) 38 2/4 Shawnee, Park Co. (R&NG).

White-necked Raven - 18 3/18 Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co. (TM).

Clark's Nutcracker - (plains) 1 1/26 Denver (HH); 2 2/1 Denver (TM); 1 2/21 Fort Collins, in city (RR); several Jan., Feb. at Lyons, Greeley, Masonville (Larimer Co.)(AC).

Pinon Jay - large flock 12/29 Sedalia (DT), 125 2/10 Daniels Park(C&MS), 23 2/18 Castle Rock (R&NG)(all in Douglas Co.); 1 at feeders Dec. to 4/8 Longmont (AC).

Mountain Chickadee - frequent, Denver 10/7 to 3/27 (TM and others); 1 12/24 Merino, Logan Co. and 2 12/26 Ft. Morgan (Count).

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 12/7 to 4/4 Longmont (IB).

BEWICK'S WREN - 1 12/23, 25, 2/12, 3/11 Red Rocks Park (DT and others) (probably same bird wintering at same place 1960-61 was first Denver record, except one at Boulder in spring of 1960).

Mockingbird - 1 found dead 1/8 Denver (NH).

BROWN THRASHER - 1 12/14 Cherry Creek Resv. (TM); 1 12/27 Longmont(Count)

SAGE THRASHER - 1 2/10 Cherry Creek Resv (C&MS).

Robin - unusually well distributed, but in small numbers, all winter on plains; each feeding station seemed to have one Robin, which drove off all others of its species.

* Gray Jay - 1 1/12 Longmont (Bess Harper)

VARIED THRUSH - one previously reported at Boulder (12/10) remained few weeks, was banded by AC; 1 2/12 in NE Denver, reported by Arthur Carhart to RJN.
Mountain Bluebird - 1 12/23 Jeff. Co. (Count - first time on Denver Count); 1 12/30 Colo. Springs (Count); 2 2/4 near Castle Rock, first of spring (Club).
Townsend's Solitaire - 1-6 thru December to 3/30 Denver (TM); many other reports.
Bohemian Waxwing - four good flights in last six winters, after about ten years with few or none of this species; this year's flight probably greatest of the four; "explosion" noted throughout northeast and middle west states, less exceptional in West; 12/15 to 4/2.
Cedar Waxwing - numerous reports of 1-20, Rocky Mountain National Park south to Sedalia; 9/3 to 2/9; 1 eating asparagus berries 12/13-1/6 Longmont (IB).
Northern Shrike - many reports 1-5 9/26-3/10, but fewer than normal.
Loggerhead Shrike - 2 12/24 Durango and 2 12/27 Longmont (Count).
Starling - 1 at feeder with curved beak twice normal length, resembling small, black curlew, Jan., Denver (DT).
Myrtle Warbler - 1 1/10 at feeder Denver (HH).
Audubon's Warbler - 1 12/10-1/18 (probably perished in extreme cold) Longmont (AC); 1 12/24 Durango (Count).
Western Meadowlark - fewer than usual reported on farm through winter, Platteville (ML).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 12/16 Morrison (Club); 1 2/4 with Red-winged, Mile High Lakes (C&MS).
Red-winged Blackbird - 10 females at feeder 1/16 Denver (L&CB); in cattails near Golden before 2/20, 5 weeks earlier than in 1961 (GS).
Rusty Blackbird - 5 12/26 Ft. Morgan (Count); 6-12 12/30-2/21 in sheltered Little Thompson Canyon, Larimer Co. (AC).
Brewer's Blackbird - small numbers, several Counts; 17 2/24 Cherry Creek Resv. (TM).
CARDINAL - female 12/26 Fort Morgan (Count).
Evening Grosbeak - unusual abundance all winter, mostly in flocks up to 50; high daily count 75 1/13, 323 banded at Fort Collins (RR).
PURPLE FINCH - male 3/13 with Cassin's, SE Denver (TM).
Cassin's Finch - first on plains 3 11/28 Denver (TM); numerous at feeders until April, especially during January cold spell; daily high count 27, 87 banded at Fort Collins (RR).
Pine Grosbeak - unusually high count of 42 12/30 Idaho Springs and vicinity (Count).
Rosy Finches - numerous reports mixed flocks at Golden, Castle Rock, Red Rocks, and in mountains.
Common Redpoll - 2 12/23 Jefferson Co. (Count); 1 2/10 Barr Lake (Club).
Pine Siskin - fairly numerous on plains all winter, east to Sterling, Holyoke.
Lesser Goldfinch - 1 12/27 Longmont (Count).
BROWN TOWHEE - 2 12/23 SW of Denver (Count), well seen by GS in suitable habitat (oak brush) and proper feeding habits noted; probably first report so far north since 1895 (at Boulder).
White-winged Junco - more numerous than usual generally; many at Aurora, first seen in four years by MLR.
Tree Sparrow - fewer than usual.
CHIPPING SPARROW - 2 12/26 (well seen) Fort Morgan (Count).
Harris' Sparrow - increasing; several reports of 1-3, Fort Morgan, Longmont, Boulder, Golden, Denver, Waterton.

White-crowned Sparrow - very few this winter.
White-throated Sparrow - 1 12/23 Jefferson Co. (Count); 1 1/6-15 Aurora (MLR).
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1 12/30 Colorado Springs (Count).
Lapland Longspur - 28 12/26 Weldona (Count); many on plains few miles east of Denver, January (MLR).

Additional late date for fall report (Vol. 10, No. 1):
American Avocet - L 11/16 Longmont (EM).

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Errors, Vol. 10, No. 1:
page 9 - change Canada Loon to Canada Goose.
page 11 - change Rough-winged Hawk to Rough-legged Hawk.
page 11 - Mountain Chickadee - add "Denver" to reports by TM.

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## A. O. U. CHECK*LIST REPRINTED

A second printing has been made of the Fifth Edition of the A.O.U. Check-list (1957), according to the July, 1962 Auk. Approximately 50 errors, most of them slight, in the first printing have been corrected. Only two are of importance to us: correction of the spelling of Pygmy Nuthatch (from Pigmy) and restoration of the hyphen in Red-winged Blackbird. The Check-list (691 pages) is obtainable from the treasurer of the A.O.U., c/o Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., at $8.00 per copy, postpaid.

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Field Trips - November & December, 1962

November

3 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW corner), to Cherry Creek Dam. Thompson Marsh, leader. Bring lunch.

4 Sun. 1:00 p.m. Meet Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore, SE corner), to Marston & Bowles Lakes. Nancy Hurley, leader.

10 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet as Nov. 3, to Sedalia area. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch.

11 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Meet as Nov. 4, to Red Rocks and Genesee Mountain Parks. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.

17 Sat. 10:00 a.m. Meet as Nov. 4, to Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.

18 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Meet Natural History Museum parking lot, to Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

24 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet as Nov. 4, to Golden area. George Shier, leader. Bring lunch.

25 Sun. 1:00 p.m. Meet as Nov. 3, to Cherry Creek Dam. Ted and Ruth Dement, leaders.

December

1 Sat. Same as Nov. 3.

2 Sun. Same as Nov. 4.

8 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet as Nov. 18, to Barr Lake area. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

9 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Same as Nov. 11.

15 Sat. 10:00 a.m. Same as Nov. 17.

16 Sun. Same as Nov. 18.

CHRISTMAS COUNTS: Denver - Jefferson County, Dec. 22, and Idaho Springs area, Dec. 29 (Saturdays).

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No December regular meeting.